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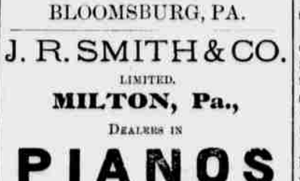

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I went to the Manor to look after Lady Pardock's boy. He was seven years old; a sturdy, bold boy; independent, but as obedient as I have never seen a lad so young. His mother's word was enough; he did as he was bidden without questioning or fretfulness. Lady Pardock was a widow. Among the party was Captain Armstrong, of the navy and the Captain and the young heir became great friends. Lady Pardock seemed to despise the Captain a little. She was a fine, handsome woman; tall, well-made and well dressed.

She and Henry, another guest, were good friends. She was interested in his mining and was quite as ready to go down in the mines as she was to sail in Mr. Hemphill's yacht, the Firefly.

"You are, of course, a great traveler, Captain Armstrong?" she said one day to the sailor.

"No," he replied carelessly. "I have been around the world, not much in it. A sailor sees a good deal, and there is something worth seeing occasionally, too."

"Have you ever been in a battle?" she asked again.

"Never, I am thankful to say," he replied.

"You are surely—not—serious?" she said.

"I am quite serious—I dread battle! Of course I should fight if I had to do so—but I trust I never shall."

"I wonder you entered the navy, Captain Armstrong," she half sneered. "You should have been a Quaker."

"It was not my own choice, Lady Pardock," he answered.

"He would make an excellent country parson," she remarked to her neighbor, Captain Martyn-Henry; and very soon afterward the ladies left the dining-room. From that time Lady Pardock seemed to think the sailor what Charley calls "a muff."

One day we started to Ludworth Cove. They all had heard of it, but few had ever been there. The wind was blowing briskly from the southeast—a favorable quarter, and, as Mr. Hemphill said, "If it does veer to the southwest, all the better; it will bring us home the faster."

"Won't you come, Armstrong?" asked Mr. Hemphill.

"No," thank you, "I don't care much for sailing. Besides you are quite enough in that craft without me. I should only prove a Jonah."

"Why, do you think a storm will come on?"

"It does not look like settled weather, I must say," replied the Captain cautiously. "But you can always scud, you know!"

"Thank you," replied Hemphill. "But, seriously, Lady Pardock, if you fear—"

"Fear! I fear? No; I think Captain Armstrong is afraid. Let us go, Mr. Hemphill." He at once gave the word to shove off. The yacht was lying at a little distance out, as the tide was low. So we went on board whither Mrs. Cardewe had already proceeded. Captain Armstrong had merely taken off his hat when Lady Pardock referred to him so contemptuously. But I knew quite well she respected his nature, and his cool firmness, for all her coldness to him. I was certain she thought of what he said, for more than once I had heard her talking to her boy, and he told her what his friend, the Captain, had bidden him to do. Lady Pardock always agreed with her son on these occasions. So when we reached the yacht she spoke to the sailing-master and asked him what he thought of the weather.

"Fair and square, my Lady; I think it will change afore night, but, so far, I see nothing to be alarmed about."

"Perhaps the boy had better go ashore," said Mr. Cardew.

"Nonsense!" said Mr. Hemphill. "Mrs. Farmer wants a sail as well as ourselves. Let the lad remain. You'd like the sea, Sir Jocelyn?"

"Oh, yes!" he laughed; "I love the sea!"

That decided the question. I remained, and we were soon under weigh, rushing down the coast in the direction of Portland Bill. Captain Armstrong watched us for awhile; and then, waving his hat as a farewell, turned up the path toward the Manor.

He encountered Charley, my husband, and the old fisherman on the way, and stopped, as sailors like to talk with sailors.

Shortly after Captain Armstrong announced that he was going over to Weymouth.

"I wonder you didn't go in the Firefly, then," remarked Miss Paradys.

"If I had, there would have been nobody to take them dry clothes," remarked the sailor-captain.

"Dry clothes! What do you mean? You don't pretend to say there will be rain this afternoon with this wind?" cried Captain Martyn-Henry. "Why, it's a lovely day."

"So it is," acquiesced the sailor, "but fine days do not last forever. Do you see those long white wisps of clouds? Do you see that dark line to windward, and the bank of clouds in the southwest. The wind is in those clouds; it will blow from the southwest before night, and, with this ripple and a tide, raise a nice surf on the Chesil Bank. That's about the only bank in England on which I do not care for a check."

Captain Armstrong ordered some dry clothes for the ladies, greatly to the amusement of the maid who packed them in the portmanteau.

While these preparations were being made, the quiet captain sauntered on, telling the others to pick him up at Farmer's cottage. Charley, my husband, was at home.

"I think you're a sensible young fellow, Farmer," said the sailor. "Just put a few of your wife's things in a carpet bag or a box; and I'll take them to Weymouth. The yacht will get wet, I expect." Charley was not so much surprised, as he had been talking with Barnes the fisherman. But he said—

"I'll bring them over, sir, thank you heartily."

"No, come with us. You can sit with Roberts. Make haste. Have you any clothes line ready?"

"Clothes line!" exclaimed Charley, "Plenty."

"Then bring it. Bring all you have. It will do to tie up the other bundles," he muttered.

Charley's preparations had scarcely been completed when the wagonette came in sight.

"Here you are then!" exclaimed Captain Henry; "you seem determined to bring luggage enough."

"Just a change all around," was the reply. "All right!"

The coachman touched his horses gently with the whip, and off they started. The breeze was strong, but inland the people were sheltered. It was different with us in the Firefly.

We got on very well for a while; the breeze was rather behind us, and sent us dashing along beautifully. By degrees, however, the yacht began to plunge deeper and deeper. The sea got up, and broke on board frequently. I didn't care, as I was accustomed to salt war, and I minded the boy.

Lady Pardock came and stood by me. "I think Captain Armstrong was right, Mrs. Farmer," she said. "I heard the master tell Mr. Hemphill that the wind was veering to the southwest." At that moment Mr. Hemphill came up with Mrs. Cardewe, who was glad to lie back in the stern of the yacht and be covered with shawls and tarpaulins. She looked wretched.

"I think that it would be more prudent to run for Weymouth at once," said Mr. Hemphill. "If we put into Ludworth—supposing we can make the entrance, which is doubtful—we can get no real accomodation. Now at Weymouth we can, and there are the train and the telegraph, plenty of shops, and so on."

The ladies agreed to the suggestion, and the yacht was headed for Portland Bill. Even Lady Pardock had had enough of the sea water before sunset. The waves dashed in and forced us to go below. The wind rose, as one who remembers that afternoon in September will recollect. It got fierce by five o'clock and positively boisterous by six. Great waves rolled up from the southwest, and we plunged fearfully into the sea. We had only a jib on her, and two reefs in the mainsail were taken in.

Nevertheless we plunged on to windward, for the captain did not dare to turn now and "scud." We tacked and tacked, beating until the sun went down and we did not seem to be much nearer Weymouth or Portland Roads, for which we were aiming. From Portland Island the great Chesil Beach, I knew, and so did all the sailors, extended right away to Bridgeport, where the mighty Portland stones have dwindled through all shapes and sizes of pebbles to sand and gravel; and the biggest always the highest up the bank.

The captain or sailing-master, was brave enough, but anxious; the crew were sturdy; the gentlemen on board were serious; the ladies very ill and quite careless of danger. The little heir was fast asleep in my arms, and as we heeled over and listened to the slapping and dashing of the waves out side and the rush of water across the deck, I prayed earnestly and wondered whether we should ever see Cardewe Manor again.

It was evening and we were past Portland Bill. The captain said we must go about and run in on the tide to make all the leeway up. The wind was dead on shore. The waves beat high upon the Chesil Bank, and if I could do some fine writing I could tell you about the curling tops of the masses of water which poured on the shingle. But that was nothing to the next day's sea. That I shall never forget.

The Firefly had been sighted and considerable anxiety had been expressed about her. Little did I think that among the people who were watching us were Charley and Captain Armstrong, in fear for the result. Charley told me afterward that the captain was as cool as ever, and apparently afraid of getting wet; so he hired a cab and drove down through Weymouth to the Island, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Martyn Henry at the hotel to receive the party if they ran alongside the pier safely.

The evening was deepening into a blustering and stormy night, as Charley and Captain Armstrong drove to Portland, and our yacht was driving on. We were still below when the easter motion of the yacht, consequent on our running before the wind, induced us to go on deck. Behind us was a limitless tumbling sea, dark clouds and rain; in front the Chesil bank, the island with its quarries and its prisoners, and the smooth waters of the road beyond. In an hour or so we should be riding alongside the pier or in the harbor or pulling ashore to catch the train home. So we said!

But how is this? We are not going for the harbor direct! Yes, we are—what is that behind us?—a roar, then a flash, and, another roar. Blow, blow, good wind, ere the storm overtake us, or we shall fare badly. Flap! flap. The wind has suddenly failed us. "We are in the centre of a little cyclone!" So said the captain.

"Bear a hand, men; we shall be taken aback in a minute!" shouted the master, rushing to the tiller. "Furl, all—up with her—leave the jib alone, clew up the mainsail, smart?"

No time to lose. Flap! Boom comes the wind from the northeast with a rush. The Firefly heels over like a toy; the jib strains. "Up with the helm!" The canvas splits with a fearful rending, ripping report, and the yacht drives upon Portland.

"Steady, men! All hands out of the dinghy! Remember the women and the child! Bend the foresail. Let her run!" roared the master. The yacht paid off, and turning her back on the sea, rushed down channel—alas, into a tide-eddy, which sucked under the rocks of Portland Island as the wind veered again.

The soldiers at the Verne by this time were crowded upon the cliffs to see the "wreck." Some shouted for ropes, some for rockets, but neither were forthcoming. The yacht drove in, and in five minutes ran between two rocks, where (the wind having chopped again to the southwest) she remained stern to sea—frequently swept by the waves, and apparently with only a few minutes to live. We were screaming and in the most terrible distress. Lady Pardock alone said not a single word. She took her child from my arms and said:

"Mrs. Farmer, try to save yourself when the time comes; Jocelyn and I will die together."

"Mamma, I am very hungry. May I have some tea soon?" whimpered Jocelyn.

The mother kissed him passionately. Tears came into my eyes as I remembered my own children and Charley. Was this death?

Mr. Hemphill did all he could to cheer us. "They will find a rocket and we can reach the rocks there on the beach. It is not so rough here as yonder. We are lucky," he said.

Lucky! I thought. Lucky to die in two minutes or less when the yacht begins to break up?

Mr. Cardewe and his wife were standing hand in hand, pale but firm. They had been praying; I had prayed too. The light was dying out. A black figure was seen upon the beach. If he could swim out that fifty yards or so he might bring us some assistance. The master shook his head.

"There's no swimmer in Dorset as will do it. It's possible. I've seen men in the Pacific swim as bad bits, but there's not ten men in this country would try it."

The figure came near and stood by the cliff in a place opposite the wreck. Three men were behind him on a ledge—holding a rope—he intended to come out then! Hurrah!

He plunged from a rock into deep seething water which broke over his head. He was gone! No! He reappeared beyond the wave; he had gone through it and was making progress towards the yacht, steadily. We could not bear to look at him. It seemed as if he must be dashed to pieces; but he had made his way out, and, after a terrible struggle under the yacht's bow, was hauled in, bleeding, dripping, half naked and with a strong line around his waist.

A cheer! another; a scream from Lady Pardock. The very last person she had expected to see had done this thrice gallant feat—Captain Armstrong, who she had hinted was a coward. A coward!

There was no time for complaints. The men ashore had gained the beach and had already attached a rope to the line. The rope was hauled on board, a basket and whip were quickly attached and the basket traveled across, deluged at times by the waves but securely. The first person to venture was Mrs. Cardewe. By general consent she went first, and was landed dripping but in safety. Lady Pardock refused to go without her boy; but Captain Armstrong said: 'Trust him to me. I will answer for his life with my own!'

She smiled at him and gave him her hand. He clasped it. She kissed her child, bidding him remain with Captain Armstrong. Sir Jocelyn said never a word. He acquiesced silently and clung to his preserver tightly. The basket was sent away safely; then I went, and was clasped in Charley's arms. I fainted.

Everybody was saved. Captain Armstrong quitted the wreck last but one and delivered the child to his mother, who was waiting, tearless, oblivious of the wind and rain and sea, while he was carried across. And this man she had said, was afraid! And I! Well, I say nothing now. Dry clothes and a welcome to the barracks were within reach; and in a couple of hours, after great kindness from the governor of the prison and the soldiers, we were enabled to proceed into Weymouth. That night the wind was terrible, and the Firefly was knocked to pieces at high water on the Chesil Bank on Monday morning; I went down and saw her broken up.

We remained at Weymouth until Monday, and then all returned to Cardewe Manor except myself, Captain Armstrong, Lady Pardock, and Sir Jocelyn The lad could not bear to part with his friend who had rescued him and had told him so many nice stories.

"I must go, my boy," the captain said; "I am afraid—I mean—I am obliged to go."

"Oh, Captain Armstrong, can you ever forgive me!" cried Lady Pardock tearfully. "I beg your pardon most humbly for so misrepresenting you."

"My dear Lady Pardock, please say no more. I am really glad that I was enabled to render you a service."

"A service I can never repay," she said. "Now Jocelyn, go with Mrs. Farmer." For once the child paused. Then he said:

"I want Captain Armstrong to stay with us always, mamma. We have plenty of money for us all and such a big house. Will you come?' he cried.

"I am afraid I cannot go for long, Jocelyn," said he, "not for always."

"Why not?" said Lady Pardock suddenly. Then the blood rushed to her face, for she perceived what construction might be placed upon her words. She motioned me to leave the room and then I went out with Sir Jocelyn until rain came on, when I came back.

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"Captain Armstrong is going to be my new papa," cried Sir Jocelyn that evening as he rushed into my room. "Is it not splendid? Now he will tell me plenty of tales. Mamma is glad too, for she kissed him when he said he would stay with us, and she never kisses anyone but me."

This was satisfactory! Next day Captain Armstrong and Lady Pardock came to the Manor, and drove up in the new omnibus alone. I came in a cab with the heir and the luggage, and there were great rejoicings when the engagement was announced at Cardewe Manor.

"So you cared for him all the time, dear?" said Mrs. Cardewe to Lady Pardock.

"I did," replied the radiant young widow. "He is the best and bravest man in the world."

The Polite Japanese.

The Japanese, says Professor E. S. Morse, are at all times polite—they never have an impolite mood. American slapping on the back and "how are you, Bill," manners are utterly incomprehensible to them. Japanese do not kiss, shake hands or embrace. They simply bow, sometimes for five minutes at a time, Their bows are so nicely graduated as to express a wide range of sentiment. They are never petulant, and they laugh when they see an American lose his temper. They never swear—they have nothing to swear with. They haven't even the feminine profanity of "Oh, my!" "good gracious," or "dear me." Eating upon the street is considered a rudeness, even among children and the very poor. It is not only rude to contradict another but rude to have a different opinion. This has its disadvantages, especially when one is in search of information, as no one will be impolite enough to correct his errors. Women are the servants at their own tables, as they do not sit with their husbands or neighbors. It is rude to criticise food or service at a hotel or restaurant. There every comer is a guest as if at a private house.

No mattter how pressing one's business at a house, it is rude to mention it until the very last, and then only incidentally. The same is true of a letter. There may be a roll of paper sixteen feet long, with fifteen feet and nine inches of humbug, and three inches of business, the only thing for which the letter was written.

No woman is ever insulted or even annoyed on the street. A lady may travel by night or day, unattended, throughout Japan quite safe from any affront. Kindness to animals is universal, and has become proverbial. Crows are the scavengers upon the city streets, and are never harmed. Birds build in the city houses; wild fowl alight in the ponds of the parks. If a dog goes to sleep in the busiest street, the crowd will turn aside rather than disturb him. A dog does not know what is meant when a stone is thrown at it. In a busy village street in the inland sea the speaker has walked with a wild deer which had come in from the forest trotting at either side of him, waiting for the rinds of the watermelon which he was eating. The people study nature with a true artistic instinct which shows its effect in their wonderful skill in the mechanical arts.

Sleep Necessary.

AN ITALIAN'S FUTILE ATTEMPT AT GOING THREE WEEKS WITHOUT SLEEPING.

The present epoch is one in which the mind of man seems to turn to the performance of impossibilities. Explorers seek to penetrate to the North Pole, and mountain climbers to scale the highest peak of the Himalayas. Captain Webb loses his life in seeking to swim the Niagara Rapids. Dr. Tanner goes forty days without food. The latest attempt at doing something that nobody else had ever done, is that of an Italian named Rouzani, who essayed to go three weeks without sleeping but was speedily convicted of using deception in making people believe that he got along without sleep.

Whatever feats of endurance men may accomplish, they can not live long without sleeping. The victims of the Chinese waking torture seldom survive more than ten days. These unfortunate men are given all they wish to eat and drink, but when they close their eyes they are pierced with spears and awakened. There is no torture more horrible. Men sleep under almost all conditions of bodily and mental suffering, however. Men condemned to death—even those who fear their fate—generally sleep at night before their execution. Soldiers sleep lying upon sharp rocks, and even while on the march.

No one knows just what sleep is. The prevailing theory as to its nature is that of the physiologist Preyer, who holds that refuse matter accumulates in the nervous centers in such quantity as to bring about insensibility, which is sleep, and continues until the brain has been relieved of this waste matter by its absorption into the circulation. By way of contrast to the cases of those who seek to do without sleep, or are often unable to obtain it, a case is recorded by Dr. Phipson in which a young man slept thirty-two hours without waking.—*Youth's Companion.*

Wisdom of the Sages.

BOB BURDETTE TELLS HOW A VILLAINOUS HAWK TRIED TO MISLEAD HIM.

What a grand thing it must be to have a good, thorough education, and know all about astronomy and natural history and phlebotomy and all those things. A painful sense of my own general ignorance always makes me look very ill at ease in the presence of learned people. Not a great while ago, two months, perhaps, I was writing, and happening to glance out of my window, saw a hawk make a swoop and catch a poor little English sparrow. The robber, with great insolence, flew into a pine tree close to my window and began his breakfast. I called the Prince, and we watched the hawk devour the little bird. He held the sparrow on the limb of the tree with his talons, and tore off bite after bite with his great beak. He did not pluck a feather before eating. Now and then, when a feather would come away with a shred of meat, the hawk shook it from his beak, but went right on with his meal. He didn't swallow any feathers, but beyond that he paid not the slightest attention to them, simply shaking them off his beak when they got in his way. Half an hour later I read in a most excellent paper the statement by a learned ornithologist and an old hunter that "the hawk *never* begins devouring a bird until he has first carefully plucked *every* feather out of it." Now if I hadn't read that, you see how ignorant I would have been of a simple fact in natural history! I believe that villain of a hawk acted as he did on purpose to mislead me. But, thanks to the learned man, he failed. I am going to take the word of a miserable, ignorant hawk against that of a great ornithologist? Not I. I may not know much, but I trow that I wot a learned ornithologist kens more about hawks than any hawk that ever bolted a feather.—BURDETTE, in *Brooklyn Eagle.*

Juvenile Rat-Catchers.

BOYS IN PENNSYLVANIA MINES WHO DISCOUNT THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN.

[Wilkesbarre Letter to the Philadelphia News.]

Boys are employed in various occupations in the anthracite coal mines. A glance at the pay-roll of any big company reveals the fact how useful they are. Run your eye along down the column headed "occupation" and every once in a while you see the word "rat-catcher." As this is as distinct a feature of employment as the driver, slate-picker, door-tender and so on, it excites no particular attention among those who understand it. The rat-catcher is paid 90 cents a day, and his special duty is to guard the bins where the feed for the mules is stored against the invasion of the rodents. The mine rat is as large as his brother of the wharf. He subsists upon the refuse of the feed troughs and the crumbs that drop from the frugal luncheons of the miners. They inhabit all parts of the colliery and find their way into the crevices far beyond the reach of the miner. They are useful in one way, however, and for this reason are fed and protected by many who labor in the dark and distant chambers of the subterranean depths. The rat instinctively knows where a crush from above is to come, and when a miner sees them leaping about him or hears them scampering off along the gangways toward the shaft he knows something is wrong and follows them at once. There are many instances on record where the rats were first to give warning of danger from which men have fled in safety and without which they might have perished.

Naturally the professional rat-catcher grows fond of his exciting pastime, and, like the hunter, tries to bag all the game he can. Recently a spirit of enthusiasm broke out between several rat-catchers employed in the Diamond and Empire collieries, which was kindled into a flame by the offer of a prize of $5 to the boy who would slaughter the most rats in thirty days. "Rat-Catcher Dick," a little red-headed fellow not over ten or a dozen years old, had long been recognized as the champion. He is employed in the Empire and had made a record of killing 320 rats in six days. This had never been beaten. Indeed the only approximate work had been done by "Blinky Bill," a twelve-year-old, of the Diamond, who had a record of 271. When the prize was offered the boys all set to work with a will. It was stipulated that they were to do the work separately and unaided. Judges were quietly appointed to see that the articles of agreement were done fairly and carried out. During the progress of the slaughter "Dick," of the Empire, was the favorite in the pools, "Blinky Bill" selling second. There were other lads in the contest, but it was generally agreed that one of these two would carry off the prize.

As the days passed the miners got deeply interested. Even certain sporting men in this city paid more or less attention to the rat-killing contest, and when the final week's run was on every gambler in town was backing one of the boys. News from the Diamond and Empire was anxiously awaited in some of the saloons each night as to the count. The reports were very conflicting. All sorts of stories were set afloat as to the records of "Dick" and "Bill." Both the lads kept their own mouths shut close. Nobody could get a word out of either, and nobody really knew what each was doing. Even the watchers were in the dark. The contest closed on Monday night, and great crowds flocked into several prominent sporting places in town to hear the result. The judges gave sworn testimony of the count. The score for the thirty days' killing stood as follows: Dick, 2,419; Bill, 1,956—an average of eighty rats a day for Dick and sixty-five for Bill. Dick's biggest week was the last, when he killed no less than 618 rodents. A careful estimate places the weight of the rats slaughtered by Dick at over four tons. A purse was made up and presented to "Blinky Bill." Dick's method, it is said, of catching the rats was by fixing barrels along their runways and by setting lines with baited hooks for them. He is proud of the championship, and another match will be arranged soon between the two boys.

The other lads who entered were practically out of the race the first week. The miners who won on little Dick all chipped in something for him subsequently, and it is said he carried home to his widowed mother last night nearly $100.

THE VANGUARD.

Without warlike demonstration, city din, glorious pomp or flying colors, the picket guard is being pushed forward to sure and complete victory. Though obscure, retired and unappreciated, modest and reserved, meek and unassuming, they carry by

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1887.

Ex-Governor Pattison has received an appointment as president of a bank in Philadelphia.

An attempt to float fraudulent Virginia State bonds in several northern cities has been exposed.

There is reported a combination of the freight hands on the Pan Handle railroad to compel their vindication against suspicions of thievery.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission have suspended the fourth section of the act, for seventy-five days, in the case of the Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. The order is subject to revocation.

The great English journal, *Engineering*, presents some figures relative to the manufacture of steel projectiles that do not place the English navy in an awe-inspiring position. Experiments with steel projectiles have lately demonstrated that in any naval engagement the chances would be in favor of ships able to fire the chrome steel projectiles that can pierce the strongest armor afloat. The leading manufacturers of chrome steel in France and Russia which, by the end of 1888, will give these countries 9,000 and 12,000 tons of projectiles. England will then only have 600. How many has the United States?

The papers just now have much to say about an alleged declaration by President Cleveland that he would not be a candidate for re-nomination next year. The Republican organs are striving very hard to prove that he has said so, and they are evidently hopeful that such is the case, as they are fearful that if he is the Democratic candidate they cannot defeat him.

Senator Vest was recently seen on the subject, and said:

"I don't believe the President has ever written any such letter or that he has ever thought of writing a letter of that kind. In my opinion all that he has ever said on the subject of a renomination was in substance what he said to me, and he said the same to Ex-Senator McDonald, to Speaker Carlisle and other Democrats. That was that he had no desire for a second term, that his ambition was to administer the Government in such a manner that any Democrat could be elected."

FOR SUPREME JUDGE.

The term of Chief Justice Mercur of the State Supreme Court will expire this year, and the people will select some one to succeed him next Fall. The Democratic State Convention, which will be held next August, will nominate a candidate for the place, and it is time to be looking around for a proper person to place in the field. As the term of office is twenty years, the candidate for the place should be a man in the prime of life, who will be able to fill the term before he is broken down by the weight of years. He should be a man of undoubted Democracy, and one who is not identified with any particular ring or faction of the party, so that he can command the support of the whole organization. He should come from the eastern end of the State, and as the retirement of Judge Mercur will leave that portion of the State unrepresented on the bench, the northern tier of counties has a claim for the position.

We know of no man who would better fill the requirements of the case than Mortimer F. Elliott, of Tioga county. He is in the vigor of manhood; he comes from a favorable locality, and possesses integrity as a man and ability as a lawyer that would do honor to the Supreme bench. In 1882 he was elected Congressman-at-large by the Democrats, and in 1873 was a member of the Constitutional Convention. He could unite the party, and would call out a large vote. The State Convention will act wisely if it selects such a candidate, and the Democracy will be fortunate if Mr. Elliott will consent to again become its standard bearer.

Hopeful Democratic Outlook.

A Democratic Congressman, who keeps himself pretty well posted on national politics, remarked the other day, while at the Treasury Department, that there is very little ground for Democrats to complain that Republican officials are not being turned out of the Government service fast enough. He says he has given the subject considerable attention, and he says that nearly all of the Republican postmasters have been replaced by Democrats, and the same can be said of collectors of customs, collectors of internal revenue and their subordinates, and of nearly all of the other branches of the public service. He predicts that before the next Presidential election rolls around there will hardly be a Republican in any important Government position, except in the departments at Washington, and they can be of little or no assistance to their party, as their superior officers can prevent them from taking an active part in politics by simply saying when they request to go home to vote that their services cannot be spared from the office at that time. He also takes a very cheerful and hopeful view of the political situation from his party standpoint. He says the cretion of the Inter-State Commerce Commission will be of inestimable value to the Democratic party in the next campaign, as it will have the Administration behind it, and therefore exert a powerful influence over the railroad corporations, which have heretofore been the base of supply for the Republicans in national elections. So long as the Republicans were in power the railroads were willing to help them, but now that they find that the Democrats are in control of affairs there is no necessity for them to contribute so liberally to the Republican campaign fund.—*Washington Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.*

The Cost of Killing Jumbo

It is stated that the terms on which Barnum, Bailey and Hutchinson withdrew their suit for $100,000 against the Grand Trunk railway for the loss of the elephant Jumbo are that the Grand agreed to pay $5000 in cash to Mr. Barnum's firm and haul the eighty circus cars over its rails free during the coming season. This is virtually a settlement for about $10,000, as Barnum's expenses on the same railway last year were $4800.

WASHINGTON LETTER

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, 1887.

What the President is reported to have said to a Western Senator (Mr. Vest, of Missouri), has been the chief topic of conversation here for the past two days, and has for the moment fixed public attention on the question of a renomination and re-election in 1888. Whatever the President may have said to the Senator from Missouri, whether he said anything or not, what Mr. Vest said on the subject, and what either of them meant or intended by their alleged utterances will continue to be a source of comment and discussion until the nomination of '88 is a thing of the past.

It was a dull time and the publication that the President would not accept a renomination was startling, and naturally produced a slight sensation, or at least a subject of common talk. Everybody had something to say about it, but everybody with experience enough to know how these things are done, and to be able to distinguish between the probable and the impossible, said practically what Senator Vest and Col. Lamont have since stated, namely, that they do not believe that Mr. Cleveland is working for a second term or that he has any great desire for one but that he will probably wait until he is asked before he either accepts or declines, and that the time for discussing the matter has not yet arrived.

Senator Vest's explanation of the matter is that he was not correctly quoted, but he thinks this great newspaper oak must have sprung from a little acorn which he dropped in conversation with some friends at Chamberlain's a few days ago. These friends were opposed to Mr. Cleveland and declared that he was working for a renomination, while they mentioned several acts of his as proof of the accusation. Mr. Vest remembers that he demurred very positively, and replied that he knew that President Cleveland did not want a second term, that he was working for the purpose of leaving the Government in such a shape that any good Democrat could be elected. He thinks too, that he added by way of strengthening his authority, that the President told him so himself.

Public attention is now concentrating upon the National Drill which takes place here next month. Fortunately the city will be out in all her vernal glory in the month of May. The foliage of 70,000 trees will shade her long, broad, smooth streets. The parks, circles, triangles and other open spaces will be in full bloom of flowers and variegated shrubbery. No city in America can compare with Washington and its surroundings in the month of May, and it is then that its architectural grandeur is seen to the best advantage. The city presents the spectacle of a magnificent National Park interspersed with vast public buildings, monuments, statuary and handsome private residences, all bordered by the placid Potomac.

And Washington is to be merry in other ways during the month of flowers, as the following calendar of events will show. The races will take place in May; Patti will sing in May; Forepaugh's circus will come; the National Association of Hotel Proprietors will meet here; The reunion of the Army of the Cumberland and the unveiling of the Garfield statue will occur; some other reunions are to take place, and last but most important the grand encampment of citizen soldiery which will commence on the 23rd of May and close on th 30th, "Decoration Day."

Preparations for the Drill are going briskly forward. The grounds around the Washington Monument, on which the city of tents will be spread, is being put in condition for the camp, and the level ellipse, half a mile in circumference, where the drill will be held, is being surrounded by a grand stand for spectators. This ground lies between the Monument and the White House, and is known as the "White Lot". Here the infantry, cavalry, artillery and zouave tactics will be tested daily, and each evening there will be a grand brigade dress parade, while on Governor's Day will be the great parade. The Chief Executives of a large number of States will then review with the President all of the troops in procession.

About a hundred organizations, from the various States, will take part in the contest, and the indications are that there will be an immense concourse of visitors from all parts of the country to witness the novel event. There will be distributed $26,500 in cash prizes, besides other prizes, such as gold, silver and bronze medals, special medals, plate trophies and stands of colors.

Mangled by a Bombshell.

A special to the *American* from Harper's Ferry gives the particulars of a terrific explosion of an old shell with serious results to six people. The shell was an army relic. It had been standing for twenty-three years on the side of Bolivar Heights, one of the most beautiful of the elevations overlooking Harper's Ferry. Sunday afternoon Frank, Willis and Jesse Jones probed the old shell with an iron rod, their intention being to get what powder out of it they could. A crowd of fifteen or twenty people congregated around the place to witness the operation. Everything went all right until the iron set fire to the shell and caused the explosion.

The effect was indescribable. The crowd was knocked down and scattered and six people received serious injuries.

The force of the exploding shell was very great. Pieces of it passed through the house owned by Albert Cockrill and tore a ray windows and plastering, and another piece went through the dwelling of Edward Pales, which was over 100 yards distant. The noise of the explosion was very loud and attracted many people from the town. The victims are suffering greatly, but have good medical attention.

There are other old shells around Harper's Ferry, but they will be let severely alone in the future.

Big Fire at Plymouth.

A destructive fire took place at Plymouth on Sunday morning, by which a block of six frame dwellings in the business portion of the town was destroyed, and very little saved from them. The buildings were occupied as follows: Two by Chas. Shupp, general merchandise; Fred Ribotski's hotel; Dick & Harris, cigars; Albert Trescott, barber; S. H. Shaffer, general warehouse, and Alexander Atlinger, clothier. A livery stable adjoining the block, occupied by a miner named Nigel, was partially destroyed. Five of the buildings were owned by George P. Richards, and one by Charles Shupp. They were valued at $12,000, partially insured. The loss on the stock is not exactly known, but will fully reach $30,000, about one-half covered by insurance.

Unconstitutional Laws.

The following is a list of laws passed by the legislature since 1875, which the Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional on the ground that they are local legislation.

1875, March 18.—Those sections providing for assessment, levy and collection of all taxes authorized to be collected in cities of the third class are unconstitutional, as the proviso provides such cities only shall be subject to the act as accept by ordinance its provisions. Appeal to the city of Scranton School District 3 Amerman, 177; Commonwealth vs. Halstead, 43 *Legal Intelligencer*, 488.

1877, March 23.—Empowering Sheriffs to sue for their fees and regulating practices before justices of the peace is unconstitutional, being special legislation as it affects particular persons. Strine, late Sheriff, vs. Foltz, 3 Amerman, 349.

1878, April 18.—Providing for the holding of courts in certain cities is unconstitutional as in conflict with article 3, section 7. Commonwealth vs. Patton, 7 Norris, 258.

1878, May 24.—Authorizing any owner of real estate in counties of less than 500,000 inhabitants to appeal is unconstitutional, being a local act regulating the affairs of counties. City of Scranton vs. Silkman, 3 Amerman 191.

1878, June 12.—Providing for the fees of Sheriffs, Coroners, Prothonotaries, etc., etc., except in counties containing more than 150,000 inhabitants and less than 10,000 is local legislation and unconstitutional. Morrison vs. Bachert, 2 Amerman, 322.

1879, June 11.—Authorizing the plaintiff on filing an affidavit that he believes defendant owns property which he fraudently conceals, to examine defendant under oath unconstitutional, as no one is obliged to give evidence which may criminate himself. Horstman vs. Kaufman, 1 Outerbridge, 147.

1879, June 12.—Providing for the holding of courts in certain cities in counties of not less than 60,000 inhabitants unconstitutional, as in conflict with section 7, article 3 of the Constitution. Scowden's appeal, 15 Norris, 422.

1879, June 28.—Authorizing the filing of mechanics' liens in certain cases against leasehold interests—providing that the act shall not apply to counties having a population of over 200,000 inhabitants. Held unconstitutional as local legislation. Davis vs. Clark, 19 Outerbridge, 377.

1881, February 14.—Enacting that the Receiver of Taxes in cities of the first class "shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and liabilities conferred or imposed upon the collector of Delinquent Taxes" is unconstitutional, as the act did not re-enact or republish the provisions conferred in full. Donohugh vs. Roberts, 38 *Legal Intelligencer*, 137; Hare, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia county. See also Second National Bank of Titusville vs. Caldwell, 39 *Legal Intelligencer*, 414; Acheson, District Judge, United States District Court of Western Pennsylvania.

1881, June 29.—Prohibiting the issuing of store orders is unconstitutional, as it prevents persons who are sui juris from making their own contracts. Godcharles & Co. vs. Wigeman, 3 Amerman, 431.

1883, June 13.—Authorizing County Commissioners to discharge prisoners without taking benefit of insolvent law is local and therefore unconstitutional. In re-petition of Elisha Carey, 43 *Legal Intelligencer*, 384; Yerkes, P. J., Quarter Sessions of Bucks county.

1883, June 22.—Directing that in counties, the population of which exceeds 100,000 and is less than 150,000 the fees of the county officers shall be turned into the County Treasurer, and they shall be paid salaries is unconstitutional, as it is a local or special law regulating the affairs of counties. McCarthy vs. Commonwealth, 43 *Legal Intelligencer*, 17.

1883, June 27.—Authorizing plaintiff's attorney to enter judgment of revival of a municipal claim notwithstanding a defense interposed in cities of the first class is unconstitutional. City of Philadelphia vs. Pepper, 43 *Legal Intelligencer*. 414; Arnold J., Common Pleas of Philadelphia. Affirmed by the Supreme Court, Gordon, J., on February 7, 1887.

Excitement over Oil.

THE ANTHRACITE REGION THE SCENE OF GREAT COMMOTION.

Last week no little commotion was caused among the residents of Ransom, a small town near Pittston, by the discovery of oil in the beds of several creeks in the vicinity. The oily appearance of the water and the scum which floated on the surface has been noted for a long time, but on Wednesday, April 20th, while turning up the soil in a small creek to make a dam, Noah S. Smith, a well-to do farmer, discovered a valuable well of oil, the fluid rising in quite large quantities to the surface. Mr. Smith collected a bucketful, and on testing it found it possessed all the properties of crude petroleum. The news of the discovery flew like wild fire throughout the community, and the place was visited by dozens of people daily, and although the fountain subsided in a few hours the oily substance still keeps on bubbling up and spreading over the surface of the pond. William Hunsinger, a resident of the oil regions for some 15 years, who is now living at Ransom, says that the indications are as favorable in the Ransom locality as they were in the oil creeks when Colonel Drake first went in there to prospect. He says that the signs are unmistakable and assures oil at a depth of from 700 to 1,000 feet. The rock and general surface of the ground are of the sort found in the region of Bradford. One of the most eminent civil engineers of the Pennsylvania coal company has also investigated the matter and says that the locality in question is in the same latitute as the great Bradford district, and thinks the oil will be found at a depth not exceeding 1,300 feet. A number of the wealthier men of the village have put up a fund of $5,000, and are about to make a thorough test of the matter.

Blaze at Milton.

About ten o'clock Saturday night fire broke out in the extensive rolling mills of the Milton Iron Co., and although the fire department arrived on the scene promptly and worked with unusual vigor, the whole structure was soon wrapped in flames and before the fire was got under control the bar mill and puddling department were completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The works were closed at noon Saturday, and left in charge of a watchman, as is customary. The insurance will probably nearly cover the loss. This is a sad blow for Milton, and one from which it will not recover for some time.

The Fishery Question.

The following was telegraphed from London, on the 20th instant, in relation to a proposition from England to the United States, to settle the Fisheries' question:

It is officially stated that Lord Salisbury, in a dispatch sent to Washington on March 24th, said that the British Government, understanding the action of the United States in denouncing the Fishery articles of the treaty of Washington to be, in a great degree, the result of disappointment at being called upon to pay £1,100,000 under the Halifax Fisheries' award, offers to revert to the old condition of affairs without pecuniary indemnity, which offer, it trusts, will commend itself to the American Government as being upon that spirit of good will and generosity which should animate two great and kindred nations, whose common origin, language and institutions, constitute as many bonds of amity and concord.

Some proposition, touching a settlement of the Fisheries' question has been received at Washington, but the Government is very reticent about it. What the terms proposed, if any, cannot therefore be known outside of the inner circle. We have no doubt the retaliation resolution of Congress hastened Great Britain to act. If the President should enforce that resolution it would damage Canada beyond measure, and England sees it. Whatever settlement may take place, it should be complete, covering all the points in issue relative to the fisheries, and couched in such plain words there will be no need of an international lawyer to interpret them. The Dominion is waking up to the importance of a settlement, and are not as bellicose as they were a few weeks ago. Some of the provinces favor annexation, as the safest way out of all complications. Our fisherman have certain rights the country will never surrender, and Great Britain will be given to understand this, if it has not been done already. When the whole of British North America is annexed to the United States, there will be no more fisheries' questions to dispute about.

And Still They Come.

The toilers and some less desirable classes of the people of the Old World are still possessed of the opinion that America is the poor man's paradise. The number of immigrants landing at New York last week was 12,454, or nearly two thousand a day. The most of this army of newcomers were ticketed to the West and remained in New York only long enough to transfer their baggage and themselves to the railway trains. This is the best feature of the unprecedented flow of immigration to our shores at this time, as it shows that the great body of the new candidates for American citizenship are not mere waifs, helplessly floating and glad of any port. They know where they are going and what they are going to do when they get there.

The enormous figures, representing a single week's arrivals, are staggering. New inhabitants enough to populate a respectable city each week would have been hailed with rejoicing by the majority of American citizens a few years ago. But the rapid increase in crime, pauperism and insanity noted recently, and which is chiefly traceable to foreign sources, has brought the American people face to face with the fact that foreign immigration on a large scale is not an unmixed blessing. The recent labor troubles have served to show likewise that the advocates of rioting and violence are chiefly of foreign birth. The blood and-dynamite school of Anarchists that is beginning to be aggressively prominent in some of our large cities is composed entirely of foreigners.

Whether for good or for evil, however, the foreigners are coming in swarms. They believe they can better their condition here, and as American doors are not slammed in their faces they are bound to try the experiment anyway. The year 1882 witnessed the greatest number of arrivals, when 788,992 persons landed at American ports. At the present rate the prospect is very good that the immigration of 1887 will exceed that of 1882. The absorption of this vast body of alien people and their transformation into loyal, law-abiding and useful citizens of the United States is a problem of no small proportions and calls for the exercise of the highest qualities of statesmanship.—*Phila. Times.*

An Aged Bridegroom.

A singular wedding took place Tuesday in the New York Exchange Hotel, Philadelphia. Thomas M. Coleman the quondam city editor of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, was married to Miss Bess McGuigan. Mr Coleman is seventy years of age, and Miss McGuigan twenty. He has been sick for a long time and confined to his bed and Miss McGuigan had been his nurse.

On Monday Mr. Coleman sent down word to Mr. Focht, the proprietor of the hotel to send out and get him a Magistrate. Having no idea what his purpose was and supposing he might be going to make a will, as his mind had been slightly wandering the day before, Mr. Focht made some excuse and did not do so. Tuesday morning, while Mr. Focht was out, Miss McGuigan inquired for the nearest Magistrate and going to Magistrate Thompson's office asked him to come and perform the ceremony. Finding that a license would be required, at her request, the Magistrate sent and got one.

The marriage took place in bed, Mr. Coleman, with his long, white hair, making him somewhat resemble Henry Ward Beecher, streaming down his back, propped up by pillows, and the bride in a blue dress, with a new watch and chain and ear rings, sitting beside him and holding his hand. It was merely the civil formula and was very brief. In the evening a wedding supper was given in Mr. Coleman's room.

The Wages.

That wide-awake commercial journal, *Bradstreet's*, in its last issue, presents a very comprehensive summary of the labor and the wages of to-day, and compares them with the condition of things two years ago. In April, 1885, the wages of industrial employes had been reduced throughout the Eastern, Middle and Central Western States on an average from 10 to 15 per cent., while the number of employes at work was 350,000 less than in 1882, when the prosperous season, which began in 1879, had reached its topmost notch. A summary of three thousand reports received by *Bradstreet's*, shows that there are fully 400,000 more industrial employes at work to-day than in 1885, and that wages and full time now have, on the whole, brought the receipts of labor to the level of those of 1881-2.

A $200,000 Blaze in New York.

Shortly after dark Monday flames were discovered in the five story building at Nos. 273 to 281 State street, Brooklyn, occupied by the Vosburgh Manufacturing Company. The building was completely destroyed, together with the valuable stock and machinery. The business of the firm was the manufacture of gas fixtures and chandeliers. The loss on the building was $50,000; on stock, $100,000, and on machinery $50,000. The loss is nearly covered by insurance. Two hundred persons are thrown out of work.

An Item About Taxation.

According to the State tax law if an individual holds land that could be utilized for the general good of the community, but refuses to sell at any reasonable price, in the expectation of getting much more than its real value, it is justly taxable at his own valuation. The principle of the law is sound. Sometimes it happens that a selfish individual can play dog in the manger and prevent the development and progress of a whole community, but, in such cases there should be at least a reasonable amount of tax paid in return.

Alarm Along the Ohio.

The Ohio river has been rapidly rising during the past few days, and Tuesday night reached the danger line, six feet on the gauge. A large portion of the bottom land in this vicinity is covered with water, and the river is still rising at the rate of over an inch an hour. News from Jasper says the Potoka river is at an alarming height and still rising. The mills, factories, lumber yards, and many dwellings have water in them from one to four feet deep. The Louisville, Evansville, and St. Louis air line railway depot is surrounded by water, and the country between Jasper and Huntingburg is one vastis land.

HOOD'S COMPOUND EXTRACT OF SARSAPARILLA — TRADE MARK —

The importance of purifying the blood cannot be overestimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health.

At this season nearly every one needs a good medicine to purify, vitalize, and enrich the blood, and we ask you to try Hood's **Peculiar** Sarsaparilla. It strengthens and builds up the system, creates an appetite, and tones the digestion, while it eradicates disease. The peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation of the vegetable remedies used give to Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiar curative powers. No other medicine has such a record of wonderful cures. If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other instead. It is a Peculiar Medicine, and is worthy your confidence. **To itself**

Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

100 Doses One Dollar

Schuyler's Hardware.

MOORE'S CALSOM FINISH.

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So many people associate our Calsom finish with a white wash, as an article to be thought of only as suitable for the kitchen or some out of the way room where anything will do, that we want to take space this week to better explain its merits. In the first place it is not a white wash or a wash of any color, it is a cement which dries and hardens and becomes a part of the wall on which it is applied, does not crack, or peel, or rub off, it comes in a variety of colors and can be applied over wood, wall paper or any hard wall, and makes as handsome a finish as any wall paper at less than half the expense; it is used on the finest parlors, halls and stores; if you do not want to go to the expense of getting a painter or kalsominer to put it on, get a good brush and you can do it yourself. A good article is always imitated and we caution parties against buying any article which is represented as just as good; see that the name "Moore's Calsom Finish," and directions in English and German, are on the package. If your merchant does not keep it send to us.

If a man has a poor pocket knife he will get rid of it somehow, but will sit around and watch his wife hack away with an old pair of shears as if it was a matter of course, and when he does buy her a pair generally looks the case over and selects something low priced; there are again others who have really tried to get a good article and failed. For the benefit of people who are willing to pay the price of a good article we have added a full line of the celebrated "Heinisch" shears, they are not so very high priced and are worth every time all they cost, there is no "throwing away money" buying them.

We are opening up more fishing tackle again this week. It's astonishing what nice things there are in this line, and for so little money. We have almost everything, from the best to the cheapest.

J. R. SCHUYLER & Co.,
Bloomsburg, Pa.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Estate of Joseph R. Barkley, late of the town of Bloomsburg, Pa., dec'd.

Letters testamentary in said estate, having been granted to the undersigned executrix all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to pay the same, and those having claims against said estate to present the same to

JULIA A. BARKLEY,
Executrix.

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WE ARE INDEBTED
TO THE SOUTH FOR
SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR.

No medicine is so universally used in the Southern States as SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR. It won its way into every Southern home by pure, sterling merit. It there takes the place of a doctor and costly prescriptions. It is a

FAMILY MEDICINE,

Purely vegetable; gentle in its action; can be safely given to any person, no matter what age.

It promotes Digestion, dissipates nasty Sick Headache, and gives a strong, full tone to the System. It has no equal as a Preparatory Medicine and can be safely used when a doctor cannot be called in.

Endorsed by persons of the highest character and eminence as the

BEST FAMILY MEDICINE.

If the child has the colic, it is a sure and safe remedy. It will restore strength to the overworked father, and relieve the wife from low spirits, headache, dyspepsia, constipation and like ills.

"MY ONLY FAMILY MEDICINE."

"I have been a user of Simmons Liver Regulator for many years, having made it my only Family Medicine. It is a pure, good reliable medicine. My mother before me was very partial to it.

"I find the Regulator very safe, harmless and reliable as a family medicine, and have used it for any disorder of the system and found it to act like a charm. I believe if it was used in time it would prove a great preventive of sickness. I have often recommended it to my friends, and shall continue to do so.

REV. JAS. M. ROLLINS,
"Pastor M. E. Church South, Fairfield, Va."

CANDIDATES' CARDS.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
JESSE RITTENHOUSE,
Of Beaver Twp.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT,
FRANCIS HECK, A. M.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT,
J. S. GRIMES, M. E.

LICENSE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Columbia county, their petitions for license, which will be presented to the said Court on Monday, the second day of May, A. D., 1887, at 2 o'clock p. m:

Aurand, George & Son, Bloomsburg, Hotel
Berger, R., do Berwick Boro., Restaurant
do do Bottler
Billman, Geo. W., Conyngham twp, Hotel
Blosser, Jacob, Scott Twp., Hotel
Boran, Thomas, Centralia Boro., Restaurant
Collins, Thomas, do do
Cole, Norman, Sugarloaf Twp., do
Detterick, C. H., Bemlock Twp., Hotel
Donahue, Andrew, Conyngham twp, Restaurant
Farrell, Robert, Centralia Boro., do
Fetterman, Charles, do do
Follmer, A. H., Greenwood Twp., Hotel
Gigger, Wm., Bloomsburg, do
Gilmore, Wm. H., do Restaurant
Goldsworthy, John W., Centralia Boro., Hotel
Gross, Peter, Bloomsburg, Bottler
Haffey, E. J., Centralia Boro., Restaurant
Hazeltine, Samuel, Montour Twp., Hotel
Hess, Hiram, Benton Twp., do
Hess, Aaron W., Mifflin Twp., do
Jacoby, O. A., Bloomsburg, Liquor store
Keifer, John H., Catawissa Twp., Hotel
Kistler, Hester, do do
Klase, G. W., Berwick Boro., do
Kline, John L., Conyngham Twp., do
Knorr, Nathan, Locust Twp., do
Leiby, Samuel, Roaringc'k Twp, Restaurant
Long, B. F., Sugarloaf Twp., Hotel
Maley, George, Centralia Boro, Restaurant
McFadden, Edward, do do
McLaughlin, Arthur, Benton Twp., Hotel
McHenry, J. B., Centralia Boro., Bottler
McHenry, James, do Liquor store
Nertney, John, do do
O'Conner, Johanna, Centralia Boro, Liquor store
Perry, J. W., Sugarloaf Twp., Hotel
Rhawn, J. K., Catawissa twp, Restaurant
Rimby, Samuel D., Madison Twp., do
Rook, W. G., Berwick Boro., Hotel
Rooney, A. C., Centralia Boro., do
Ryan, Michael J., do Restaurant
Smith, A. K., Madison Twp., Hotel
Smith, Potter, Beaver Twp., do
Sponenberg, Benjamin, Berwick Boro., Restaurant
Stoner, Bernard, Bloomsburg, do
Shuman, Addison W., Main Twp., Hotel
Thiele, August, Berwick Boro., Bottler
Thrush, A. J., Scott Twp., Hotel
Truckenmiller, Adam, Catawissa twp Restaurant
Turner, J. M., Orange Twp., Hotel
Yeager Wellington, Locust Twp., do
Yetter, Boyd R., Main Twp., do
Yetter, Wright A., Catawissa Twp., do
Yoder, Aaron, Locust Twp., Restaurant
Yohey, Owen, Berwick Boro, Hotel

WM. H. SNYDER, Clerk of Q. S.
Clerk's office, Bloomsburg, Pa., April 15, 1887.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Hon. WILLIAM ELWELL President Judge of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and the Court of Common Pleas and Orphans' Court in the 26th Judicial District, composed of the counties of Columbia and Montour, and the Hons. C. G. Murphy and C. H. McHenry, Associate Judges of Columbia county have issued their precept, bearing date the 14th day of Feb. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and to me directed for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Court of Common Pleas and Orphans' Court, in Bloomsburg, in the county of Columbia, on the first Monday, being the 2nd day of May next to continue for two weeks,

Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, to the Justices of the Peace, and the Constables of the said County of Columbia, that they be then and there in their proper person at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said 2nd day of May with their records inquisitions and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done. And those that are bound by recognizance to prosecute against the prisoners that are or may be in the jail of the said county of Columbia, to be then and there to prosecute them as shall be just. Jurors are requested to be punctual in their attendance, agreeably to their notices. Dated at Bloomsburg the 1st day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the one hundred and eleventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

L. S.

Sheriff's Office, SAMUEL SMITH, Sheriff

WIDOWS APPRAISEMENTS.

The following Widows Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans Court of Columbia County on the first Monday of May A. D. 1887 and confirmed nisi; and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter will be confirmed absolute.

1. Samuel Savage decd. Fishingcreek; Personalty $28.50. Realty $271.50.
2. Stephen Hetler decd, Mifflin; Personalty $291.20.
3. Thomas Hartman decd. Fishingcreek; Personalty $18.00. Realty $250.00.
4. Samuel Nolton decd. Mt. Pleasant; Personalty $3 00.
5. Frederick Illley decd, Benton; Personalty $310.80.
6. Samuel Hutchings decd, Hemlock; Personalty $300.00
7. Samuel Melick decd. Orange; Personalty $300.00.
8. John Bower decd, Centre; Personalty $300.00.
9. James Lake decd, Scott; Personalty $288.90.
10. Joseph E. Barkley decd, Bloomsburg; Personalty $110.75. Realty $189.25.
11. Peter Brugler decd, Bloomsburg; Personalty $300.60.
12. Jonathan Artman decd, Madison; Personalty $68.90.
13. Henry G. Martz decd, Briarcreek; Realty $300.00.
14. William B. Hess decd, Jackson; Personalty $300.00.

Wm. H. SNYDER, Clerk O. C.
Clerk's office, Bloomsburg Pa., April 11, 1887.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, and will be presented to the said Court on the first Monday of May, A. D. 1887, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute:

1. The first and partial account of Isaac Heacock, committee of the person and estate of Jane McMichael, of Greenwood township, a lunatic.
2. The first and partial account of A. P. Young, trustee of Amanda Cox.
3. The first and final account of G. W. Creveling, C. M. Creveling, A. V. Kressler, C. W. Neal and C. W. Miller, Directors of the Espy Lime & Cement Co.

WM. H. SNYDER, Prothy's.
Prothy's office, Bloomsburg, April 8, 1887.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the following account has been filed in the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, and will be presented to the said Court on the first Monday of May, A. D., 1887, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute:

1. The second and final account of Richard W. Lyons, trustee, to make sale of the real estate of Joseph Houghton, late of Pine township, dec'd.

WM. H. SNYDER, Clerk of O. C.
Clerk's office, Bloomsburg, Pa., April 8, 1887.

Equitable MORTGAGE COMPANY.
CAPITAL, - - $600,000
DEBENTURES
—AND—
Guaranteed Farm Mortgages

OFFICES.
NEW YORK, 208 Broadway.
BOSTON, 32 Court Street.
PHILADELPHIA, 112 S. 4th St.
KANSAS CITY, 755 & Del. Sts.

REFERENCES.
First Nat. Bank, NEW YORK.
Boston Nat. Bank, BOSTON.
7th Nat. Bk., PHILADELPHIA.
Am. Nat. Bank, KANSAS CITY

For rates of interests and full information SEND FOR PAMPHLET

To J. H. MAIZE, Attorney-at-Law, Agt., Bloomsburg, Pa. jan14-6ms.

ANNUAL STATEMENT
—OF THE—
TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1887.

FUNDED DEBT.

Bonds due Aug 1, '87	$ 1 000	
" Jan 1, '88	600	
" Feb 1, '88	500	
" Aug 1, '88	427	
" " " '89	620	
" " " '90	620	
" " " '91	640	
" " " '92	660	
" " " '93	680	
" " " '94	700	
" " " '95	700	
" " " '96	720	
" " " '97	760	
" " " '98	860	
" " " '99	740	
" " " 1900	500	
		$10940 00

VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN 1886.

Real estate	$1 413 840	
Personal property	82 170	
Occupations	172 095	
		1667605 00
Two per cent of above valuation		33752 10

ASSETS.

Bal due on duplicate of '84	$ 281 48	
" " " " '85	258 20	
" " " " '86	1978 43	
		$ 2501 11
Due from sundry persons on acct of J H Harman for sewer permit	$ 10 00	82 20
Due from Wm Krickbaum, sewer permit	5 00	
Due from J D Fowler (C W Miller, sewer permits	5 00	
Due from C A Klein, sewer permit	5 00	
Due from C S Furman, sewer permit	5 00	
Due from Knorr & Wintersteen, sewer permit	5 00	
Due from S B Little, sewer permit	5 00	
Due from J K Lockard, sewer permit	5 00	
		$ 45 00
Due from sundry persons, on old accounts		5 46
		$ 2633 77

LIABILITIES.

Orders of '83, outstanding	$ 26 49	
" " '84, "	8 81	
" " '85, "	695 38	
" " '86, "	613 03	
		$ 1342 71
J Karns, judgm't for inj. to leg		416 66
Bloom Gas Co., judgm't No. 121, Sept. Term, '85, for outstand'g orders for '84 and '85, and interest thereon		$ 1238 41
Coupons of '86-'87, due and unp'd		15 00
		3072 78
Excess of liabilities over assets,		$ 379 01

NEWTON BOONE, COLLECTOR FOR '84.

DR.

To bal on duplicate of '84	$ 564 39

CR.

By exonerations allowed by council on duplicate for '83 and applied on duplicate of '84	$ 17 31	
By exonerations allowed on duplicate of '84	49 60	
Amt paid Wm Chrisman, Treas, at various times	213 00	
		$ 279 91
Bal due		284 48
		$ 564 39

DAVID WINNER, COLLECTOR FOR '85.

DR.

To bal on duplicate of '85	$ 1963 50

CR.

By exonerations allowed by council	$ 100 80	
By amt pd Wm Chrisman Treas	1625 00	
		$ 1725 80
Bal due		238 20
		$ 1963 50

M. C. WOODWARD, COLLECTOR FOR '86.

DR.

To amt of duplicate for '86	$ 2478 43

CR.

By amt pd Wm Chrisman Treas	$ 500 00	
Balance due	1978 43	
		$ 2478 43

WM. CHRISMAN, Treas. for '86, in account with the town of Bloomsburg.

DR.

To amt of tax roll for '86	$ 7716 10	
State tax collected on bonds	43 80	
To amt from D J Waller, per Eva Rupert	4 56	
To amt from B F Zarr, Pres't, for fines	3 00	
To amt from B F Zarr, Pres't, for show licenses	53 00	
To amt from B F Zarr, Pres't, for sewer permits	90 00	
To amt from Newton Boone, collector for '84	213 00	
To amt from M C Woodward, on duplicate of '85	1625 00	
To amt from M C Woodward, on duplicate of '86	500 00	
To amt from sundry persons, for hauling ground and remov

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BLOOMSBURG, PA

FRIDAY APRIL 29, 1887.

CORRECT RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Trains on the Philadelphia & R R. leave Rupert as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
6:36 a. m.	11:49 a. m.
3:42 p. m.	6:13 p. m.

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Trains on the D. L. & W. R. R. leave Bloomsburg as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
6:15 a. m.	8:29 a. m.
10:20 a. m.	11:44 a. m.
2:02 p. m.	4:10 p. m.
6:36 p. m.	8:47 p. m.

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Trains on the N. & W. B. Railway pass Bloomsburg as follows:

NORTH.	SOUTH.
10:46 a. m.	11:54 a. m.
4.26 p. m.	4:19 p. m.

SUNDAY.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
10:16 a m	6:39 p m

Reduced Rates.

Hereafter the price for publishing Executors, and administrator's notices in the COLUMBIAN will be $2.00 including a note and receipt book. No other paper in the county makes so liberal an offer.

Auditor's notices also reduced to $2.00.

SALES.

FOR SALE.—Pair of handsome bay horses six and seven years old, large and strong, good drivers and will work anywhere. Warranted sound and free from faults or blemishes are offered for sale solely for want of use. J. R. SCHUYLER.

APRIL 30. David Yost, committee of B C. Hess, will sell real estate in Fishingcreek twp. at 2 p. m. See advertisement.

APRIL 30.—William DeLong administrator of Samuel Keller, deceased, will sell real estate in Orange township, at 10 a. m. See advertisement.

W. S. Hess, administrator of the estate of George Kelchner deceased, will sell valuable property on the west end of the premises in Centre township on Saturday April 30th. commencing at one o'clock. A tract of 412 acres will positively be sold either as a whole or in parts to suit purchasers.

A Fine Residence For Sale.

The executors of Mary N. Harman, deceased, offer at private sale a handsome residence on Market street above Main, Bloomsburg. The house is of brick, large pleasant rooms, steam heat, gas, water, sewerage, and all modern improvements. There is a large frame barn, ice house and outbuildings. One of the most desirable locations in the town. Terms easy.

They also offer for sale thirty-seven acres of land on Normal hill, adjoining P. Dillon's and the Hoyt estate. Can be divided into desirable building lots. For terms and particulars apply to I. W. McKelvy, one of the executors, or Geo. E. Elwell, attorney, Bloomsburg, Pa. tf

NOTICE.

Owners and occupants of property, in the town of Bloomsburg, are hereby notified to remove all coal ashes and other rubbish from the streets and alleys along their property, before the seventh day of May; all manner of rubbish found on the streets and alleys after the above date, will be removed at the expense of the property owners adjoining, according to the Town Ordinances in relation thereto.

PETER BILLMEYER, Commissioner.

The regular annual meeting of the stock holders of the State Normal School and Literary Institute will be held at the office of Frank P. Billmeyer, Secretary, on Monday, May 2, 1887, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, where four Trustees will be elected on the part of the stockholders to serve for a period of three years, and four persons will be nominated from whom the Superintendent of Public Instruction may appoint two Trustees on the part of the State to serve for a period of three years. FRANK P. BILLMEYER, Secretary.

FOR RENT.

Two rooms on second floor of the COLUMBIAN building, together or separately. Steam heat, gas, water on same floor. Rent low. Inquire of Geo. E. Elwell. [3t

LOST.

A pair of hammered gold bowed glasses, either on Iron, Fourth or upper Main streets. Any one finding them will receive a suitable reward by returning them to Mrs. C. Harrison's, on East street.

WANTS.

WANTED.—A girl to do house work—will pay $2 00 the year around. Address Box 204. [apr22.

GOOD BOARDING CHEAP.—Jurors and others attending court will find it to their advantage to write to the undersigned and secure boarding during the time they remain in Bloomsburg. WM. BEERS, Cor. Main and West streets.

Personal.

B. I. Price and wife are taking a trip in the West.

Mrs. Lingle and son are visiting at Mr. J. J. Brower's.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Wirt went to New York on Tuesday.

Miss Henderson, of Montgomery Station, has been visiting at the Normal School this week.

A. M. DeWitt, of Orangeville, was in the city last week, buying new goods for his store.

Mrs. D. J. Waller, Sr., who has been quite ill for several weeks, is slowly improving.

John J. McHenry, of Benton, went to Philadelphia on Tuesday to buy new goods for his store.

Mrs. E. Jacoby and Mrs. P. S. Moyer started for Michigan on Tuesday to see their mother, Mrs. V. Bidleman, who is in very poor health.

Mr. Chas. Walters, one of the surveyors on B. & S. R. R., who has been at Bellefonte for some time, returned to town on Tuesday,

Mrs. L. B. Rupert, Mrs. I. K Miller and Mrs. Elias Mendenhall started for the West Wednesday morning. They expect to visit friends, and will be absent a few weeks.

Rev. W. C. Leverett attended convocation at Bellefonte on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then went to Reading to attend a meeting of the standing Committee of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

Collectors' receipt books and notices for sale at this office. tf.

Don't forget Frank I. Frayne at the Opera House Saturday night.

H. J. Clark is making improvements to his residence on Centre street.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rawlings Friday evening of last week.

Wall paper for 1887. The newest, best colored and most artistic designs at Clark's book store.

The boys have begun to play ball. The bat and ball trade will probably be good now for some time.

Window shades, plain or dado, either mounted or without fixtures as you prefer, at Clark's book store.

A meeting of the Lawn Tennis Club was held at the rectory of St. Paul's church Wednesday evening.

A crowd of about twenty Finlanders arrived in town Monday, and have gone to work on the B. & S. R. R.

Trunks! Trunks! Trunks! Just received a large stock. Cheaper than ever at D. Lowenberg's.

The people of Espy are rejoicing over the boom the boat yard has received.

Wall paper hangings and handsome ceiling decorations at Clark's book store.

Dr. H. W. Buckingham expects soon to locate at Phillipsburg, Pa. to practice his profession.

The name of Jesse Rittenhouse, of Beaver, is announced this week as a candidate for County Commissioner.

Alfred McHenry, of Benton, has received his new Spring goods, and they will be sold cheap—for cash or produce.

Dr. Evans' building, on lower Main street, has been re-painted, and is very much improved in appearance.

HO! FOR THE WEST!—Don't miss seeing the large assortment of Trunks, Satchels and Bags at D. Lowenberg's.

Quite an excitement prevails at Wilkes-Barre, over the supposed discovery of coal oil. A prospecting company will be organized.

One or two single top carriages for sale at a bargain to make room in my stable. Enquire at the Sanitarium, opposite the depot.

The three Italians who came here to play for the dance Monday night discoursed some sweet music on Main street during the afternoon.

The work at Wm. Neal & Son's furnace is being rapidly pushed through, and the furnace will probably be in operation again within three weeks.

Some of the people of Catawissa seem determined that they shall succeed in having the town incorporated at this court. A lengthy petition will be presented.

Mr. Person, late of Williamsport, father-in-law of B. F. Zarr, was buried Monday last at Trinity M. E. church, near Numidia. He formerly resided near Centralia.

And now the time for house-cleaning is fast approaching. Soon the noise of the beating of carpets, and the smoke from burning rubbish will rise above the din of our busy streets.

Don't fail to see Frank I. Frayne and his "Mardo" company at the Opera House Saturday night. Several wild animals are introduced into the play, including a large lion and two hyenas.

Jno. Reice has changed his plans in reference to going into business in Philadelphia. He seems to like Bloomsburg better as he returned last week and is again helping his brother, C. E. Reice.

The Merchant Tailoring Department is now replete in Spring styles. Call and see the largest stock of Cloths, Cassimeres, &c., to select from. Suits made up in City Style at D. Lowenberg's, Merchant Tailor.

Mary Kline, a young daughter of M. L. Kline, of Orangeville, has been very sick with pneumonia at her grandfather, Mr. A. W. Fry's, on Third street, the past week. She is somewhat improved, but still very sick.

Farmers wishing to improve their stock of poultry by infusing new blood, can now procure eggs for hatching from some of the best Plymouth Rocks in the county, also Wyandottes, at the Sanitarium poultry yards.

An entertainment will be given in the Lutheran church this (Friday) evening under the auspices of the Children's Missionary Society. Great care has been given with the programme, and a rare treat is expected.

A Dairy Maid's Festival was given at the house of Mr. C. W. Miller on Centre street last Friday evening, for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. Quite a number of people were present, and a nice sum of money was realized.

The 18th annual convention of the Columbia County Sunday School Association will meet in the M. E. Church of Berwick, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 and 2. The programs will be sent out in due season and will contain particulars.

Candidates are beginning to loom up for all the county offices to be filled this year, and the announcement of their candidacy will be made soon in the newspapers. Let the campaign be conducted decently, fairly, honestly and honorably.

The *Keystone News*, a Saturday paper formerly published in Williamsport, has ceased to exist, and there are several business men in that city who have a large-sized stock of experience in journalism, for which they paid a goodly sum of ready cash.

All communications for this paper should be addressed to THE COLUMBIAN. Letters addressed to either of the editors personally are not opened by the other, and this sometimes leads to the omission of matter intended for publication, by reason of the absence of the one to whom it is addressed.

The body of F. C. Decker, of Mehoopany, a prominent member of the Grand Army and commander of the Jacob Maynard post, who disappeared from his home six weeks ago, was found floating down the Susquehanna river, near Tunkhannock, on Monday. It is thought he was accidentally drowned while crossing the river in a small boat near Falls station.

Alfred McHenry continues in the mercantile business at the old stand, in Benton, formerly owned by his father, and more recently by A. & H. McHenry. The latter firm was dissolved on April 1. He proposes to do a ready-pay business, and to sell goods at a less profit, and purchasers will find it to their advantage to deal with him. All kinds of produce will be taken in exchange for goods.

The latest farmer cheater represents himself as an agent of a society for the protection of small birds, and anxious to procure the farmer's co-operation. The farmer is induced to sign his name to a pledge not to kill any song birds, but this pledge, as usual, becomes transformed in time into a promissory note, in the hands of an innocent third party, and the farmer finds it cheaper to pay than to fight it.

The Postoffice Department officials are having prepared a series of new designs of embossed stamps for stamped envelopes of the one, two, three, four and five cent denominations. The head of Franklin has been selected for the one-cent stamp and the heads of Washington, Jackson and Grant for the two, four and five cent denominations respectively. This series will be ready for issue about May 1.

The Nescopeck Railroad, extending from Nescopeck on the North and West Branch Railway to Rock Glen Junction on the Sunbury, Hazelton and Wilkes-Barre Railway, a distance of 116 miles, was opened for traffic Monday, and will be operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, lessee of the North and West Branch Railway, as part of the Sunbury Division of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division.

Men's, Youths, Boys and Children's Tailor Fitting Clothing. Leading in quantity, quality and style. Perfect satisfaction always the motto of DAVID LOWENBERG.

Charles Welderman of Locust Dale has moved to the house of Conyngham and Centralia Poor District. He was recently elected Steward.

A rumor was circulated on our streets Wednesday evening that a telegram had been received announcing that the building of the river bridge would be commenced at once. No such telegram was received.

Latest shape in hats, Dunlaps, Youman, et cetera.
Correct in style,
Fine in quality,
Lowest in price, at Lowenberg's.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moyer died suddenly at their home on Third street last Saturday morning, aged three years and seven months. The child was as well as ever on Friday, but was taken sick Friday night, and died Saturday morning of congestion of the brain. The funeral services took place at the house on Monday afternoon, and were largely attended. The remains were interred in Rosemont cemetery.

The State Council of Penna. Order United American Mechanics will meet in annual session in the hall of the Farmers' Produce Exchange, on Tuesday morning next, May 3, at 10 o'clock. It will be composed of about 125 representatives and officers and will continue for three days. An address of welcome will be delivered on Tuesday morning by Rev. Prof. Waller, which will be responded to by some member of State Council.

Messrs. White, Conner & Sloan of the Orangeville Agricultural Works have added new facilities for turning out their agricultural implements which have already earned such a wide reputation. They expect during this season even to surpass the past efforts and produce machinery which will be received everywhere with satisfaction and at such prices as will please the farming community. Our farmers who are in need of any machinery will do well to call upon them.

The first number of the *Historical Journal*, a monthly record devoted principally to northwestern Pennsylvania, published at Williamsport by John F. Meginness, has been received. Its object is the preservation of local history in the west branch valley of the Susquehanna, the Juniata region, and the northwestern part of the state. The Price is two dollars a year. Mr. Meginness is the editorial writer of the *Gazette & Bulletin*, and he wields a ready pen. The first number is full of interest and promises much for the future.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Bloomsburg for week ending April 26, 1887:

Mrs. T. Avis, George Beagle, Oscar Crouse, Miss Agnes M. Emerick, Miss Nettie M. Hall, Mr. H. S. Hess, Mrs. Emma Kitchen, Miss Ola Long, Wtodystaw Sktodricu, Jake White (Italian).

CARDS.

Adam F. Harman.

Persons calling for these letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE A. CLARK, P. M.

Tuesday, April 26, was a gala day in Milton. That date was the 68th anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship in America and was celebrated there by all the lodges in that county. A large crowd was there and the parade was a very imposing one. The parade was composed of the Uniformed Patriarchs Militant, Encampment lodges and bands of music, which was an attractive feature.

The parade formed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, after which the anniversary exercises were held in the Opera House. No efforts were spared to make the visit of all who attended an enjoyable one.

During the past winter chickens have been very scarce, and it has been difficult for those who do not raise poultry to obtain what they want for table use. It is said that the reason so few are brought in from the country is that the hucksters gather them up. If that be true, it shows that the demand for poultry in this county is greater than the supply, and farmers would do well to give more attention to poultry raising. There is always a ready sale for chickens and turkeys in the towns, and those who have sufficient land to allow the poultry to run on, would no doubt find a good profit in raising large quantities. Like every other profitable business, however, it requires some care and attention. When hens are compelled to steal their nests because none are provided for them, and the chicks are obliged to pick up their own living because they are not properly fed, the result cannot be expected to be very profitable.

Frank I. Frayne's "Mardo" company will play in the Opera House Saturday, April 30. The company played in Philadelphia last week and the week before, and were highly spoken of in the papers. They drew large audiences there. The *Civil Service Gazette*, London, gives the following account of their engagement there:

"The realistic American drama entitled "Mardo, or the Nihilists of St. Petersburg," which has been played to thronged and delighted audiences throughout Europe and America, was produced here on Monday night last, when Frank I. Frayne and his dramatic company appeared in it. The latter gentleman who played the part of Mardo, the hunter, undergoes numerous perils and hairbreadth escapes, in which he is materially aided on numerous occasions by the sagacity of his faithful dog, Jack, an animal who displays a large amount of intelligence. The action of the play begins in America, and finishes in St. Petersburg, in which place Mardo enters a lion's den in order to obtain some papers relating to a Nihilist plot."

The company carry their own scenery and several realistic scenes are given, including the burning bridge, burning hut, and others.

WANTED!—1,000 boys and children to buy New Spring Suits. New in style and low in price, at David Lowenberg's.

Columbia county is represented in the State Legislature by two careful, painstaking and conscientious members. This being the second term for A. L. Fritz, Esq., he has become familiar with the rules and order of business and is this term taking part in the public discussions of many questions when they come before the House. He occupies a choice seat in the front row on the Democratic side, being sandwiched between Faunce and the renowned Hughey Mackin, of Philadelphia. Representative Fox is serving his first term and at the beginning of the session was unfamiliar with the modes of legislation. But he is entering heartily in the work and is careful to serve the interests of his constituents. He occupies a seat in the outer row, near the Speaker's room.—*Republican*.

The above notice is justly merited by the gentlemen named. When their conduct as members receives commendation, not only from their own party, but from the organ of the opposition, they may well feel that they are doing their whole duty by representing all the people of the county, and not merely the party that elected them. This is as it should be.

Court next week. Judge Dreher, of Stroudsburg, will preside.

Last Monday night a very pleasant dance was given in Winona Hall, in Mr. P. E. Wirt's building on Main street. Between 30 and 40 young people of town were present. At nine o'clock the dancing began, and was kept up until two, when the party departed, all having spent a very pleasant evening.

The music was furnished by three Italians on a harp and two violins. During an interval between the dances they rendered some very pretty selections of music, which were loudly applauded. These musicians pass through here every year, and their music is always welcome here.

Wanamaker's.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23, 1887.

If it isn't convenient to come to the store write for what you want.

All-wool Challis, 50 cents; very rich colorings, 60 cents. The same cloth, it's the printing that makes the price difference. One impression, one color; for the most artistic effect six or seven impressions. Exact as in a lithograph; rich, exquisite. Some of the styles handsomer than we know of anywhere else in town.

Printed Mohairs. Neat figures on grounds of pink, cream, blue and écru shades—eight colorings. Sheeny, light and lustrous stuff. A shake and the dust goes. 27 in., 37½ cents.

54-inch cloth for ladies' jackets. Checks, plaids, overplaids and mixtures in various colors, $1.25 to $5. For a garment 1½ yards.

Chambry Robes, embroidered. A this-year novelty in cotton stuffs. 12 yards of 27-inch plain; 4½ yards, wide embroidery, for flouncing; same, narrow, for waist, collar and cuffs. $1.75, in neat box.

No wonder the things go. Or the better ones at $5. Or the still better at $7, that you can hardly tell from silk and wool. The fancy stuff for trimming has a surface spattered with plush squares. 4 yards of it, and 8 yards of 40-inch plain.

Sateen Robes, too. 12 yards plain, 32 in. wide, 1¼ yards panel, 2½ yards narrow, for collars, cuffs, and vest front trimming. $6.

The latest craze in Upholstery is for the beautifully colored canvas curtains, like Madras in effect, but stronger. Pat for the seashore or for out-of-town houses. $1.50 to $3.75 a pair. The ever-liked Madras, too. By the pair; Chintz Madras, $3.50 to $18. Lemon Madras, $2 to $6. By the yard: Chintz Madras, 40c. to $2. Lemon Madras, 35c. to 60c. Crete Madras, 20c. to 40c.

Our Spring Stock of Carpets is complete in every respect. The largest, fullest assortment we've ever had. Floor Comforts of a hundred kinds. In Brussels, besides the goods of home manufacture we have all the leading English makes. A more varied line of patterns and colorings than you can see in any other store hereabout. From $1 to $1.50 for best imported.

The season is ripe for Mattings, and we have in store every grade from $5.50 a roll of 40 yards to the fine qualities of Fancies and Damasks. Samples by mail. Matting Rugs, $1, $1.25 and $1.50.

Another invoice of real Daghastan Rugs at $12. The lot we told you of the other day went with a rush. Very little to pay for a full-size fire-place rug of even a poorer grade. Just the thing for use on Mattings.

For summer use the quaint Japanese Rugs, 3x6, $1.50, and cute Japanese Mats, 75 cents. Many ladies give a novel and pleasing effect to a room by using the mats as splashers.

Ingrain Art Squares of large size for hard-wood floors.

Ingrain Carpets woven in one piece, 3x2½ to 4x5, at $1 a square yard and up.

Smyrna Rugs, pretty and for little.

Dickens, Scott, Thackeray and all standard authors in various editions—same as any big bookstore: Wanamaker prices—*not* the same. That's one reason why we sell more books (they say) than any other house in this country.

Tennis Goods. Everything for clubs or individuals. Rackets of all the popular makes, $1.25 to $6, and our own special Racket, $4. You pay nothing for the name when you buy one of them. Discount to clubs.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

Chestnut, Thirteenth and Market streets, and City-hall square.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Book cases and secretaries at Corell's 3t

Have you seen those new satines, lawns, percales and other suitings at DeWitt's, Orangeville, Pa.? 2t.

If you want dress goods of any kind it will pay you to call and see our lines. Clark & Son.

Handsome parlor suits, in cherry, upholstered in silk plush, at Corell's furniture store. 20a3t.

DeWitt's store, at Orangeville, is well stocked with general merchandise. Go there for bargains. 2t.

Chamber suits in ash, oak, antique oak and cherry, at Corell's. 3t.

We show this week a full line of all the leading shapes and styles of ladies' and children's untrimmed hats and bonnets at exceeding low prices. Clark & Son. Also, flowers, feathers and ribbons.

Cottage chamber suits, all prices, at Corell's. 3t.

For a nice suit of clothes go to A. M. DeWitt's, Orangeville, Pa. 2t.

Picture frames at Corell's. 3t.

Having just received a cylinder for finishing silks and cloths, I am prepared to clean and dye gents' clothing, ladies' cloaks, sacques, silks, dresses, shawls, &c. Feathers dyed and curled. Packages forwarded by express will receive prompt attention, according to directions. Call or address, J. O. Caswell, dyer, Bloomsburg Woolen Mills. sep24-tf.

A new lot of dress goods at DeWitt's, Orangeville, Pa. 2t.

G. W. Bertsch, the clothier and furnisher, always has a full and complete line of gents' furnishing goods on hand. All the latest styles in neckwear, &c. Call and see them.

If you want hosiery, gloves or corsets, call and see the bargains we now offer. Clark & Son.

Shipping tags, with or without strings, at the COLUMBIAN office. tf.

A large stock of new dry goods and notions just received at A. M. DeWitt's, Orangeville, and will be sold cheap. 2t.

Extension dining tables, fancy work stands, hat racks and sideboards, at Corell's. 3t.

You will find our stock of Spring cloths for dresses complete. Clark & Son.

Always remember that G. W. Bertsch, the artist tailor, is the place to get yourself a perfect fit in a Spring suit of clothing or a coat. A full and complete line just received—fresh from the city.

You should not fail to see Clark & Son's stock of dress goods, flouncing embroideries and narrow ones. Also, their laces and prices.

AT I. W. HARTMAN & SON'S.

New 45 inch lace flouncing 75c. yd.
New 45 inch embroidered flouncing in heliotrope color.
Large fine colored embroideries with plain goods to match.
Grey plaid cashmere shawls from $3 up.
Cream and colored cash mere shawls at bargain prices.
Fancy combination robes, new styles of goods, from $1 75 up.
New silk tidies by the yard.
New plush and metal ornaments for fancy work.
Good kid gloves for men and women.
It will pay you when in need of dry goods to call in at
I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

The highest market prices paid for produce at DeWitt's, Orangeville, Pa. 2t.

A large line of parasols now open at Clark & Son's. Call and see them.

A fine lot of boys' clothing, all ages and prices, at DeWitt's, Orangeville, Pa. 2t.

M'Killip, Photographer and Crayon Artist, Bloomsburg Pa. Fine Cabinet Portraits, only $3 a dozen. Instantaneous process used.

Ladies, it will pay you well to call and see our hats, &c. Clark & Son.

For a Spring and Summer stiff and soft hat call at G. W. Bertsch's—who has just received a full and complete line—all of the latest styles and shapes. Prices lower than ever.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

The body is more susceptible to benefit from Hood's Sarsaparilla now than at any other season. Therefore, take it now.

Instead of leaving the linen yellow, or with brown spots all over it, like common rosin soap, Dreydoppel's Borax Soap makes it white as snow, and purifies and cleanses thoroughly. 4tapr29.

Always soothe and strengthen. *Hop Plasters* cure pain and disease when other remedies fail.

Chronic looseness of the bowels results from imperfect digestion. The cause lies in the torpidity of the liver. A regular habit of body can be secured by taking Simmons Liver Regulator to aid digestion, to stimulate the dull and sluggish liver, and rid the system of excessive and poisonous bile. The Regulator corrects acidity of the stomach, cures dyspepsia and insures regularity of the bowels alike free from laxity or costiveness.

THAT TIRED FEELING afflicts nearly every one in the spring. The system having become accustomed to the bracing of Winter, is weakened by the warm days of the changing season, and readily yields to attacks of disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is just the medicine needed. It tones and builds up every part of the body, and also expels all impurities from the blood. Try it this season.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CROWN.

The crown of Queen Victoria consists of diamonds, pearls, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, set in silver and gold. Its gross weight is 39 oz. 5 dwt troy. The number of diamonds are 3,352; pearls, 273; rubies, 9; sapphires, 17; emeralds, 11. It is an old saying—Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. It is better to wear the crown of perfect health and peace of mind through the curative effects of Perrine's Pure Barley Malt Whiskey. For sale by C. B. Robbins, Bloomsburg, Pa.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

DRUNKENNESS, OR LIQUOR HABIT, CAN BE CURED BY ADMINISTERING DR. HAINES' GOLDEN SPECIFIC.—It can be given in a cup of coffee or tea without the knowledge of the person taking it, effecting a speedy and permanent cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wreck. Thousands of drunkards have been made temperate men who have taken the Golden Specific in their coffee without their knowledge, and to-day believe they quit drinking of their own free will. No harmful effects results from its administration. Cures guaranteed. Send for circular and full particulars. Address in confidence Golden Specific Co., 185 Race St., Cincinnati, Ohio. dec3 86 1y.

By the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, elasticity of step, buoyancy of spirits, and the bloom of health may be restored to the system which has become enfeebled with disease. The best vitalizer and blood purifier is Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Sold by all druggists. Price $1.

ASTONISHING SUCCESS.—It is the duty of every person who has used *Boschee's German Syrup* to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing consumption, severe coughs, croup, asthma, pneumonia, and in fact all throat and lung diseases. No person can use it without immediate relief. Three doses will relieve any case, and we consider it the duty of all druggists to recommend it to the poor, dying consumptive, at least to try one bottle, as 80,000 dozen bottles were sold last year, and no one case where it failed was reported. Such a medicine as the *German Syrup* cannot be too widely known. Ask your druggist about it. Sample bottles to try, sold at 10 cents. Regular size, 75 cents. Sold by all druggists and dealers, in the United States and Canada. [1yjan23.

A Band of Burglars.

PLYING THEIR TRADE IN WILKESBARRE, BUT LIKELY TO BE BROKEN UP.

For more than a year past Wilkesbarre has been infested by a gang of thieves who defied the whole police force and private detectives to ferret them out. They entered busines houssess in the heart of the city and made way with their stolen booty in safety. Private residences, which were supposed to be almost burglar-proof, were invaded without the least difficulty. The most daring robbery was committed about six weeks ago when the thieves entered Long & Durant's gents' furnishing store, on South Main street, and got away with several hundred dollars' worth of goods. The police couldn't make head or tail out of this raid, as an electric light hangs in front of the store, and a private watchman, besides the regular policeman, is on duty in the block where Long & Durant's building is located.

The Mayor and Chief of Police came to the conclusion that such daring thievery was the work of none others but professional thieves from one of the large cities. The police were accordingly notified to keep a sharp lookout for all strangers. Shortly after the Long & Durant robbery Father Nagel's residence, adjoining St. Nicholas' German Catholic Church, was entered, but the thieves were scared off before they could get anything, the priest calling out from his bed room: "Who is there?" A few days afterward a man giving his name as Kelly was arrested and Father Nagel positively identified him as the man who was in the room. The priest said Kelly's was the same face he saw under the gas jet in his room on the night of the attempted robbery. On the strength of this testimony Kelly was committed to jail, where he still languishes.

Chief of Police Myers recently received a telegram from Mayor Brett, of Altoona, stating that a young man giving his name as Charles Whitman had been arrested there while in the act of selling some valuable jewelry which he had in his possession. From papers found on the prisoner it was learned that he was from Wilkesbarre. Chief Myers at once went to Altoona and upon his arrival recognized Whitman as Charles Rittenmyer, a young man who has given the authorities considerable trouble in the past. On his person were found three $20 gold pieces, a lady's gold watch, two gold rings, a watch chain, breast pins, ear-rings and other articles. Chief Myers recognized many of the articles as the property of Professor Charles B. Creman, of Wilkesbarre, whose house was robbed about two months ago. The prisoner was taken to Wilkesbarre and at a hearing before Mayor Sutton was committed to the county jail in default of $1,500 bail.

CHRONIC COUGHS AND COLDS and all diseases of the throat and lungs can be cured by the use of Scott's Emulsion, as it contains the healing virtues of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites in their fullest form. "I consider Scott's Emulsion the remedy par-excellence in tuberculous and strumous affections, to say nothing of ordinary colds and throat troubles.—W. R. S. CONNELL, M. D., Manchester, O.

Our New Railroad.

Work on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad is now going on rapidly. A few weeks ago it was connected with the D. L. & W. R. R. at the woolen mills, and since then ties have been put down and rails laid rapidly. Railroad street is almost completely covered with railroad ties from one end to the other, which will soon be laid.

An important change was recently made at the Red Rock bridge, crossing Fishingcreek at Railroad street. It had been formerly intended to build a stone wall along the bank of the creek, and so widen the road bed that it would be necessary to cut off but a few feet of rock; but it was found that the ground at the foundation of the wall was not solid enough to sustain the weight of heavy trains passing over it, and it was therefore decided, instead of building a wall to cut off eight or ten feet of rock to make room for the curve at that point. Blasting has therefore been going on for some time there.

The blasting is done with dynamite cartridges. Holes are drilled in the ground the cartridges put in these and the wires of a galvanic battery attached to them. Then the electric current is turned on and in a few moments the explosion takes place and a huge mass of earth and rock rises into the air. Sometimes the pieces of rock fly a long distance.

Now that the rails are being laid, the railroad will be rapidly put through and before many months have passed we will be able to go by rail from Bloomsburg to the foot of North Mountain.

I invite the attention of parties who intend papering or decorating their walls or ceilings to the largest and most complete line of wall hangings or ceiling decorations in town. George A. Clark.

Buckhorn.

Last Thursday, Mrs. Ella Pursel had a sewing party. Upwards of forty were present. All report a pleasant time.

Master Boyd Eyerly, son of Wm. Eyerly, broke a lower limb while climbing a picket fence one day last week. He is doing well at present.

Miss Maggie Diehl has opened a select school at the Forks.

Frank Dent was taken suddenly ill with inflammation of the lungs on Tuesday of last week. At present he is suffering severely.

Sunday was a live day in Buckhorn. M. E. people held quarterly service. Love feast and communion in the forenoon and preaching by Rev. Ganoe in the afternoon. Quite a number of strangers were present: B. White and wife, of Lightstreet; F. B. Hartman and L. Sharpless, of Bloomsburg; R. Kline, of Berwick, and A. R. Henrie, of Lime Ridge.

Trailing Arbutus received a fair share of attention last Sabbath.

J. E. White has just received a fine display of glassware. The ladies are very much taken with that kind of ware just now.

John Pooley, Jr., has made improvement by re-roofing his house. Geo. Wilson and Geo. Fulmer were the master workmen.

The women and children of a town are plainly visible right after a runaway team passes up the streets.

The mouth organ craze is subsiding, being pushed aside by the favorite play of croquet.

Fire Near Lightstreet.

Last Friday afternoon, a barn on the farm of Wm. Hagenbuch, a short distance above Lightstreet, took fire and burned to the ground. The cause was unknown. A threshing machine and tread power attachment were destroyed, and about 300 bushels of corn and 60 bushels of rye. Almost all the live stock was out of the barn. Mr. Sitler, who works the farm, was in the fields with the horses, and no live stock was burned except a litter of young pigs. The barn was quite a large one, and is a great loss to its owner.

A Lively Runaway.

On Monday afternoon, at about half-past four o'clock, as Wm. Stohner was driving the U. S. Express wagon down Normal hill, a hold-back broke letting the wagon on the horse's heels, and starting it on a run. It came down the hill at full speed and at Allen's store took the pavement. It made a clean sweep of everything on the sidewalk, and the following damage was done: Mrs. R. A. Snyder's show case, standing on pavement, B. H. Vannatta's wall paper sign, Mrs. Maize's millinery show case, Henry Rosenstock's photographic show case. Some boxes of croquet sets in front of Mercer's were scattered, and the boxes damaged. Jacoby's fish market had a narrow escape. All this time the wagon was still fast to the horse, and Stohner was still in the wagon. When they reached the awning in front of J. D. Wilson's shoe store the supports were torn out, the hind wheel of the wagon caught on an iron hitching post, the awning fell down, the horse tore loose from the wagon, and ran the entire length of Main street on the pavement, down to the fair grounds up Third street to Market, and then up Main in front of Hendershott's drug store, when it was caught. Mr. Stohner was not hurt any, and the horse was cut but a little, but the wagon and harness were left in bad shape. There were many people on the street at the time, especially children, and it is remarkable that no one was run over.

What They Say About It.

Dr. Leavitt writes: "I have frequently prescribed Perrine's Pure Barley Malt in my practice and consider it a superior and reliable article and heartily recommend it in fevers, acute inflammations and depressing maladies, and its flavor is pleasant and agreeable and suited to all cases requiring alcoholic stimulant." Francis Wyatt, the eminent chemist, says: "It would be difficult to find a preparation of greater or more absolute purity than Perrine's Pure Barley Malt, and in cases of malaria, indigestion and nervous diseases it can be used with full confidence." Perrine's Pure Barley Malt is recommended to the medical profession as a preparation free from all impurities. It will eradicate all forms of malaria and revive the energies of those worn out with excessive bodily or mental effort. Ask your nearest druggist for it and see that the signature of M. & J. S. Perrine is on the label.

Mason & Hamlin Organs.

Mason & Hamlin bid fair to become as famous for their pianos as they have long been for their world-renowned organs. The distinguishing feature about the Mason & Hamlin Piano is an important improvement in the method of holding the strings. They are secured by metallic fastenings, instead of by the friction of pins set in wood, as has been the case, and the advantages resulting are highly important. Wonderful beauty and musical quality of tone; far less liability of getting out of tune; greater reliability in trying climates; and greater solidity of construction and durability are secured.

Arbor Day at the Normal.

The exercises at the Normal School last Friday afternoon were of an interesting character. The program was arranged by the students, and consisted of original speeches and compositions, recitations and readings, and songs. At the close of the literary exercises in the hall, tree planting was in order. The seniors planted an oak; the juniors, two Japanese ivies; the teacher's class, a maple. The academics also planted a tree.

Now is the time to get your Confirmation Suit. A full stock on hand at D. Lowenberg's.

MARRIED.

HAIN—ANDES.—At the bride's home, Thursday, April 21, 1887, by Rev. T. H. Tubbs, Mr. Christian Hain, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to Miss Lizzie Andes, of Buckhorn, Pa.

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Council Proceedings.

Bloomsburg, April 21, 1887.

Council met. Present P. S. Harman, president, and all the members. On motion of Winterstein and Cadow, R. H. Ringler was elected secretary pro tem.

A number of residents of West Bloomsburg appeared before the council, and claimed that the grade as fixed west of Leonard St. was too low, and asked that it be raised. On motion it was agreed to meet on the ground the next evening at half past six o'clock.

On motion it was agreed to proceed to the election of Secretary. On first ballot Sloan received 3, Neyhard 3, Schoch 1. On second ballot Sloan 3, Neyhard 4. President declared Mr. Neyhard elected. On motion adjourned. R. H. RINGLER, Secretary pro tem.

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P. T. Barnum on Advertising.

Addressing a body of business men at Bridgeport, P. T. Barnum said: You do not any of you advertise enough. You ought to use printer's ink every day. You are asleep and want your business to run itself. Standing advertisements in a paper command confidence. The man who for years lives in the same community and leads a reputable life, even though he be of moderate ability, will grow in the confidence and esteem of his fellows. On the same principle a newspaper advertisement becomes familiar in the eyes of the reader. It may seldom be read, still it makes the name and business of the man familiar and its presence in the column of a paper inspires confidence in the stability of its enterprise.

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A Snake Geranium.

SLIMY HORROR IN THE VEGETABLE WORLD AS SEEN IN GEORGIA.

"A snake geranium?"

"Yes that is what I call it," said the doctor.

I stooped down to examine the flower Hideous, repulsive, and yet strangely attractive, the snake geranium seemed to hold me under a spell.

To describe this flower one would have to paint life and motion. Mere color is not enough. As I looked the evil thing glared at me with sinster intelligence. There was nothing remarkable about the stalk and the leaves of the plant. The blossom was what riveted my gaze. Black, sinuous and slimy, it looked more like a snake than anything else. As I changed my point of view the thing changed its aspect. Its scales were a purplish black, then a dirty brown. Two little glassy beads in the monster's head glittered with prismatic hues and looked straight into my eyes. Was I mistaken? I could have sworn that this awesome bloom turned and twisted with the uncanny freakishness of a reptile.

"You know something of botany," said the doctor, "how do you classify it?"

"It is not to be classified," I answered. "It is a monstrosity. There is nothing like it. It is poisonous?"

"I think so," was the reply, "the old African who found it called it a 'pizen plant,' but I renamed it."

I had seen nearly everything worth seeing in the floral world, but this singular plant blooming unnoticed in an obscure corner of a country doctor's garden amazed me beyond expression.

From the first the sickening odor of the flower had been terribly oppressive. In fact, it had prevented a close examination. Suddenly my brain seemed benumbed, a cold chill seized me, and, with a face of deadly pallor, I reeled and would have fallen to the ground but for the doctor's strong arm.

I was half sick, or rather in a dazed, half stupefied state, for days after my return to town. One evening a negro called at my house with a note from my friend, the doctor, and a covered basket. The messenger was gone before I could read the note. I glanced at the paper and then opened the basket. I did not know whether to laugh or be angry. Comfortably fixed in a big jar the snake geranium gave a flirty twist and snapped its wicked eyes in my face!

To have this floral horror in my house was out of the question, and yet I was proud of the monster. I made a servant carry it to a sunny nook in the back yard. She returned with chattering teeth.

"De lawd hab mussy!" she exclaimed "dat ting's alive. Hit'll bite, sho's yer bawn!"

I did not contradict her. In fact, I agreed with her.

Sometimes I carried my friends to see my pet. I invariably had the satisfaction of hearing them swear, and generally I had to send them home in a carriage. One whiff of the snake geranium was enough to make a tottering wreck of the strongest man.

A little girl next door took a wonderful fancy to the flower. Frequently she come over when I was absent and spent an hour at a time fondling the plant and looking at it. Of all the persons who saw it she was the only one not affected by its peculiar odor. Sometimes I fell into a deep study over the mutual attachment existing between my monster and the girl. I call it mutual because it was impossible to view my snake geranium without giving it credit for life and intelligence. The girl was a queer little creature, with midnight hair and velvety eyes. She had a certain impish beauty that made me shudder. Between the girl and the geranium I came near being deviled to death.

As the weeks passed on the girl continued her visits. She grew thinner and paler, and her eyes grew larger and blacker. More than once I overheard the servants whispering that the snake geranium was killing the child. This alarmed me, and one day I told my young neighbor that the plant was poisonous, and that she must not go near it. She rather shrank from me and with a sorrowful look sped homeward without saying a word.

I came home unexpectedly one day, and found the girl paying a surreptious visit to the flower. I went to her full of wrath, but was disarmed by what I saw. The poor thing had fainted, and wriggling and squirming over the side of the jar, within a few inches of the child's face, was that diabolical geranium.

I took my visitor home and told her mother all about it. We spoke with some severity to the little offender, but we thought it was for her good I never once thought of destroying my monster.

No words can express the horror I felt the next morning when I heard that my girl neighbor was dead. She had been found lifeless and cold in bed at an early hour. Her appearance I was told, was that of a person who had been poisoned. On the pillow was a slimy mark that resembled a serpent's trail.

When I heard this I rushed frantically out to the corner containing my geranium. One of the servants divined my purpose and followed me. In the jar we saw the stalk of the plant with a few leaves attached to it, but the horrible blossom, where was it?

The snake geranium was gone! I could not utter a word, I had no inquiries to make, and I wanted to hear no exclamations. I ran back to the house but I heard the old negro cry out:

"Hit's gone! Hit done crawled ober into de nex' yard. I see hit's track!"

Startling Resemblances.

Marcellus—Lodemia, can you tell me why your mother's consent to our marriage is like our marriage itself?

Lodemia—I am sure I can't imagine why.

Marcellus—Because we both thank her for it. See? Both thank her—both hanker—for it.

Lodemia (stiffly)—Ah, that reminds me, Mr. Hankinson; can you tell me why our marriage is like the color of your nose?

Marcellus—No, dearest; I give it up.

Lodemia — Because I have about come to the conclusion that it can't come off. See? Can't come off. Come off!—*Chicago Tribune.*

We cannot too soon convince ourselves how easily we may be dispensed with in the world. What important persons we imagine ourselves to be! We think that we alone are the life of the circle in which we move; in our absence we fancy that life, existence and breath will come to a general pause; and alas! the gap we leave is scarcely perceptible, so quickly is it filled again; nay, it is often but the place, if not for something better, at least for something more agreeable.

He Wielded a Red-Hot Pen.

Said a commercial traveler to a Chicago *Herald* reporter: My business calls me a good deal to Colorado and New Mexico, and I have many acquaintances and friends out there. One of my friends is a little fellow named McDermott, editor of a mining camp paper. He is not much bigger than a pint of cider, but he has tremendous nerve. He is as quick as lightning with his gun, and is not afraid of the best man that walks. He was telling me of one experience he had a few months ago. A big, tough fellow walked into his sanctum one evening and announced that he had come to do up the editor. He had a six-shooter in his hand, and advanced with it cocked. It happened that my friend had just sent his revolver out to be repaired, and he was without a weapon. He tried to palaver with the desperado and talk him out of his passion in order to gain time. But the more he talked the fiercer the caller became. Suspecting that the editor was unarmed, he took fiendish delight in holding his victim covered with his revolver, and telling him he had only sixty minutes to live. But my friend's brain was working at a lively rate all this time, and when he talked he held his pen in the flame of the gas jet over his desk.

Without the desperado suspecting what he was up to, he succeeded in getting the pen red hot—it took only a few seconds—and then he made a jump for his assailant so suddenly and with such cat-like quickness that, before the ruffian, taken off his guard by the supposition that the editor was unarmed, could fire a shot, the little man had thrown one arm around the big fellow's neck, and was jabbing his red-hot pen into his face at the rate of 200 strokes to the minute. Imagine the wounds that big, sharp, red-hot pen must have made, held securely in a strong celluloid holder, driven by the arm of a man fighting for life. Think of the suffering the desperado must have endured in the few brief seconds before his agony conquered his courage and caused him to throw the revolver to the floor as a token that he gave up the battle. That ruffian—he was drunk on that occasion—is now one of the best friends the little editor has, though his face is badly scarred from the wounds inflicted on him. Over the desk of my friend now hangs a pen, still covered with blood stains its whole length, and over it is a placard written in the blood that was formed upon it just after the battle: "The pen is mightier than the six-shooter."

Velocity of Ocean Currents.

Admiral Bouquet de la Gryce has made to the Academie des Sciences at Paris a report which the London *Times* epitomizes, on a series of experiments instituted by the Prince of Monaco,de signed to test the velocity of currents in the North Atlantic, by means of light water-tight caskets or vessels launched into the sea at a considerable distance from the land. Some such caskets launched off the Azores in 1885 reached the land after an interval of time which indicated a daily rate of motion of from two to four miles. Later observations indicate a quicker rate of movement. Of 500 launched in deep sea off Cape Finisterre, 12 arrived at the French coast a little below Arcachon after an interval which suggests an average daily rate of travel of about six miles. Some of them were of glass, some of copper. The glass ones, floating on the surface, were exposed more to the buffetings of the waves as well as to the influence of the currents; so that it may not be easy to determine how much each of these factors may have contributed to the actual movement. The Prince carried out also a multitude of observations to determine the temperature of the ocean at different depths in various localities. In the Bay of Biscay, at the depth of 150 metres, the temperature of the water was lower than at the corresponding depth off the Portuguese coast. One of the circumstances which invest with special interest those inquiries into the difference of temperature of the deep sea in different localities is that they help to explain the differences of the fishes and marine plants, and also give a clue to the migrations of fishes—*e. g.*, sardines, which are known to have changed their haunts within living memory.

Tattoo Custom.

A current article on the subject says that in former times in the vicinity of Los Angles, California, every chief caused the tattooed marks upon his face to be re-produced upon trees or poles which indicated the boundaries of his land; and, as these marks were well known to neighboring chiefs, they were a sufficient warning that trespassers would be punished. A custom akin to this prevails in Australia, where the tattooed designs upon the face of a native are often engraved upon the bark of trees near his grave. Among many of the tribes west of the Mississippi there are still numbers of persons who bear tattoo marks upon the chin, the cheeks, and even upon other parts of the body, but the marks seldom occur in any forms other than narrow lines, except among the Haida Indians of Queen Charlotte's Island, where the art of tattooing has reached a higher degree of development than on the mainland. The Haidas tattoo upon the back, breast, forearms, thighs, and the legs below the knees; and women submit to the operation as well as men. The characters are totemic, and represent either antimate or mythologic being. They are usually drawn in out line, with interior decorative line, red being sometimes introduced to form what is supposed to be a pleasant contrast. The ceremonies at which the tattooing is done are held in the autumn, and extend over a period of several weeks. Among the figures generally adopted are the thunder bird, raven, bear, scalpin and squid.

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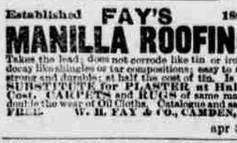

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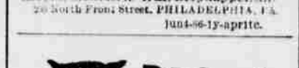

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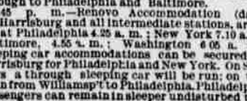

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD.

BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

NORTH.			STATIONS.	SOUTH.		
p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
9 00	12 30	8 30	....Scranton....	6 10	12 15	2 05
8 54	12 26	8 26	.....Bellevue....	6 15	9 20	2 10
8 48	12 22	8 22	...Taylorville...	6 20	9 26	2 15
8 40	12 15	8 16	...Lackawanna...	6 27	9 33	2 22
8 33	12 08	8 10	....Pittston....	6 34	9 41	2 30
8 27	12 03	8 03	..West Pittston.	6 40	9 47	2 36
8 22	11 58	7 58	.....Wyoming....	6 45	9 52	2 41
8 17	11 54	7 54	.....Maltby.....	6 49	9 56	2 44
8 12	11 50	7 50	.....Bennett....	6 53	10 00	2 47
8 08	11 47	7 47	.....Kingston....	6 58	10 05	2 50
8 08	11 47	7 47	....Kingston	6 58	10 05	2 50
8 03	11 42	7 42	Plymouth June..	7 02	10 10	2 55
7 59	11 38	7 38	....Plymouth....	7 07	10 15	3 00
7 54	11 34	7 34	.....Avondale....	7 12	10 20	3 05
7 50	11 30	7 30	.....Nanticoke ..	7 15	10 25	3 10
7 43	11 23	7 23	Hunlock's Creek	7 22	10 32	3 17
7 30	11 12	7 12	.Shickshinny....	7 37	10 44	3 39
7 18	11 00	7 00	..Hick's Ferry..	7 50	11 13	3 52
7 11	10 54	6 54	..Beach Haven..	7 57	11 06	3 58
7 05	10 47	6 47	.....Berwick	8 04	11 13	4 12
6 58	10 41	6 41	.Briar Creek..	8 10	11 20	4 05
6 54	10 38	6 38	..Willow Grove..	8 14	11 25	4 16
6 50	10 34	6 34	....Lime Ridge ..	6 18	11 29	4 20
6 42	10 27	6 27	.....Espy.....	8 25	11 36	4 27
6 36	10 21	6 21	...Bloomsburg ..	8 30	11 44	4 34
6 30	10 16	6 16	.....Rupert.....	8 36	11 50	4 40
6 25	10 11	6 11	Catawi'a Bridge	8 41	11 55	4 46
6 08	9 56	5 56	...Danville....	8 58	12 13	5 04
6 00	9 49	5 49	....Chulasky....	9 05	12 20	5 12
5 55	9 45	5 45	....Cameron....	9 08	12 25	5 17
5 40	9 32	5 32	Northumberland	9 25	12 40	5 35
p.m.	am.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m

W. F. HALSTEAD, Supt.

Superintendent's office. Scranton, Feb. 1st, 187

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division, and Northern Central Railway.

TIME TABLE.

In effect Jan. 30, 1887. Trains leave Sunbury.

EASTWARD.

9.40 a. m., Sea Shore Express (daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 3.15 p. m.; New York, 5.20 p. m. Baltimore, 3.10 p. m.; Washington, 5.50 p. m., connecting at Philadelphia for all Sea Shore points. Through passenger coach to Philadelphia.

1.43 p. m.—Day express daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 p. m.; New York, 9.35 p. m.; Baltimore 6.45 p. m.; Washington, 7.45 p. m. Parlor car through to Philadelphia and passenger coaches through to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

7.45 p. m.—Rendova Accommodation (daily for Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.25 a. m.; New York 7.10 a. m. Baltimore, 4.55 a. m.; Washington 6.05 a. m.; Sleeping car accommodations can be secured at Harrisburg for Philadelphia and New York. On Sundays a through sleeping car will be run; on this train from Williamsport to Philadelphia. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7 a. m.

2.50 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Monday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 8.25 a. m. New York, 11.5— m.; Baltimore 8.15 a. m.; Washington, 9.30 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and through passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

5.10 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Sunday), for Erie and all intermediate stations and Canandaigua and intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with through Pullman Palace cars and passenger coaches to Erie and Rochester.

9.55—News Express (daily except Sunday) for Lock Haven and intermediate stations.

12.52 p. m.—Niagara Express (daily except Sunday) for Kane and intermediate stations and Canandaigua and principal intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls with through passenger coaches to Kane and Rochester and Parlor car to Williamsport.

5.30 p. m. Fast Line (daily except Sunday) for Renovo and intermediate stations, and Elmira, Watkins and intermediate stations, with through passenger coaches to Renovo and Watkins.

9.30 a. m.—Sunday mail for Renovo and intermediate station

THROUGH TRAINS FOR SUNBURY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Sunday mail leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m Harrisburg 7.40 arriving at Sunbury 9.20 a. m. with through sleeping car from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

News Express leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m. Harrisburg, 8.10 a. m. daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury 9.53. a. m.

Niagara Express leaves Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m.; Baltimore 7.30 a. m. (daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury, 12.52 p. m., with through Parlor car from Philadelphia and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Fast Line leaves New York 9.00 a. m.; Philadelphia, 11.50 a. m.; Washington, 9.50 a. m.; Baltimore, 10.45 a. m., (daily except Sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 5.30 p. m., with through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p. m.; Philadelphia, 11.25 p. m.; Washington, 10.00 p. m.; Baltimore, 11.20 p. m., (daily except Saturday) arriving at Sunbury 5.10 a. m., with through Pullman Sleeping cars from Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia.

SUNBURY, HAZLETON & WILKESBARRE RAILROAD AND NORTH AND WEST BRANCH RAILWAY.

(Daily except sunday.)

Wilkesbarre Mail leaves Sunbury 9.35 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 10.46 a. m., Wilkes-barre 12.15 p. m.

Express East leaves Sunbury 5.35 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.26 p. m. Wilkes-barre 7.55 p. m

Sunbury Mail leaves Wilkesbarre 10.25 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 11.54 a. m., Sunbury 12.45 p. m

Express West leaves Wilkesbarre 2.50 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 4.19 p. m., Sunbury 5.10 p.m

SUNDAY ONLY.

Sunday mail leaves Sunbury 9.25 a. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 10.16 a. m. Wilkes-Barre 11.45 a.m.

Sunday accommodation leaves Wilkes-Barre 5.10 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry, 6.39 p. m., Sunbury, 7.30 p. m.

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A pig's tail is of no more use to the pig than the letter "p" is to pneumonia.

Wealth attracts both butterflies and buzzards. Poverty is sure death to both.

The universal bone of contention is the jawbone. Haven't you found it so yourself?

The man who was wrapped up in his own thoughts found himself too warm for comfort.

Any young statesman, who has ever borrowed five dollars, is able to speak on the money question.

People call it "putting up" at a hotel, because there is so much that they have to put up with.

Earnestness is the best gift of mental power, and deficiency of heart is the cause of many man never becoming great.

Infidelity gains the victory when it wrestles with hypocrisy or with superstition, but never when its antagonist is reason.

Did you ever notice how surprised you were when you put your foot on the next stair-step and found there wasn't any.

They who are possessed of talents and knowledge, fitting them to serve their fellow-citizens, ought not to bury their gifts.

It is a strange desire to seek power and to lose liberty; or to seek power over others, and lose power over a man's self.

A mantle of charity, that is not woven with threads of gold, is not recognized by the individual who never had a setback.

Love is like a painter, who is drawing the portrait of a friend having a blemish in one eye, would picture only the other side of his face.

A Chinaman has just published a book in which he says: "Woman does not require study to make herself perfect; she is born perfect."

Never was a sincere word utterly lost,